

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on March 16, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Vaughn Flora-excused  
Peggy Mast- excused  
Judy Morrison-excused  
Don Myers-excused  
Vern Swanson-excused

Committee staff present:

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research  
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Lisa Hoopes, Legislative Post Audit  
Kimberly Winn, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Dennis Kriesel, Public Health Policy Fellow, Kansas Association of Counties

Others attending:

Sixteen including the attached list.

Briefing on:

E-911 Update- Legislative Post Audit

Lisa Hoopes, Legislative Post Audit, gave the committee a legislative report on E-911. Interested parties can contact the Legislative Post Audit office for a copy of the report.

Kimberly Winn, League of Kansas Municipalities (Attachment 1), gave an update on E-911 noting the number of counties that have added E-911 services were up to 61 counties from just 5 counties 2.5 years ago. She commented that the legislature set up the legislation very appropriately and Kansans are benefitting from this program. She noted that most of the excess of funds in county E-911 accounts are for equipment reserves as the system equipment needs replaced every 5-6 years.

Dennis Kriesel, Kansas Association of Counties, (Attachment 2), offered a status update on the local collection side of the E-911 system.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Cindy Neighbor, Terry McLachlan, Carl Holmes, Tom Hawk, and Tom Sloan.

Cindy Lash, Post Audit, also gave comments.

The Chairman also noted that if legislation was needed to further move E-911 into previous determined legislative compliance, that the interested parties get together early and have that mediated legislation ready at the beginning of session 2008.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.