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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Burgess at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Rep. Hoffman - Excused
- Rep. Howell - Excused
- Rep. Loganbill - Excused
- Rep. Roth - Excused
- Rep. Ruiz - Excused
- Rep. Wolf - Excused

All Committee staff was present except Julian Efird, Legislative Research, and Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes.

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jim Hollingsworth, Executive Director, Information Network of Kansas

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

The Chair introduced Jim Hollingsworth. Mr. Hollingsworth is the Executive Director of Information Network of Kansas, Inc. (INK) and gave a presentation ([Attachment 1](#)) about INK and its role in the enterprise. Legislation was passed in 1990 authorizing the creation INK. In 1991, INK awarded (KIC) Kansas Information Consortium, LLC (now a subsidiary of NIC, Inc.) the network manager contract and Kansas became the birthplace of eGovernment.

The Information Technology Executive Council was created shortly thereafter. This legislation created the three branch CITO's, project management standards for projects costing in excess of \$250,000, and provided legislative review. Recent to this legislation, there were a costly number of failing projects in the state. Senate Bill 5 outlined a project management methodology and oversight to monitor enterprise architecture and IT spending in the state.

The 17-member ITEC Council is comprised of private executives and public and elected officials. It was chartered to develop an IT Strategic Information Management plan for the state and oversee the project management and project development of projects with costs exceeding \$250,000. The three CITO's serve on the council. The ITEC Council was authorized to develop

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IT policies that would be applied to all three branches of state government. Mr. Hollingsworth noted he is unaware of any other state that has taken this enterprise management approach to IT spending and projects. Other states have commented that they are amazed and envious that Kansas regularly convenes elected officials and agencies to debate and decide these kinds of policies.

In 1991, a 10-person non-compensated board of directors was created. At that time, state government offered little or no internet access to government information. INK contracts with agencies and other state entities to provide online services and to develop online applications for businesses and consumers. INK was designed to be enterprise in its scope and is not assigned to any of the three branches which create neutral ground to interact with all three.

The Kansas Information Consortium, LLC (KIC), was awarded the contract to provide the hardware, infrastructure, and the personnel. Currently, there are 25 employees. KIC is a subsidiary of NIC, Inc., whose corporate headquarters are in Olathe, Kansas. INK operates under a self-funding model. Applications that generate a higher level of revenue fund the services for the entities that generate little or no revenue. INK manages the official state home page for Kansas and manages the Kansas eGovernment portal. INK works with over 150 state and local entities and facilitates transactions between them. INK develops and supports over 180 Web applications and products.

Mr. Hollingsworth reviewed the members of the INK Board of Directors. The INK Board consists of private and public executives. The concept was to put together users of data with those individuals who have the data and develop applications that make sense to both.

Mr. Hollingsworth was hired in 2002 and is the only staff member of INK. He serves the INK Board and monitors the contract with KIC. He is on numerous state and local IT strategic groups. Mr. Hollingsworth added that he is a state employee, and the INK Board provides his salary and the state's share for state employee benefits.

In 2010, the INK Board finished its three-year strategic plan. Annual business plans are formed from that plan. INK's strategic plan is based upon the founding statutes and the fundamentals of providing online efficiencies. Annually, INK also provides enterprise grant investments to state sponsored entities. Investments in the past have included: KLISS, digital certificate infrastructure, KEEP, legislative virtual committee, data sharing readiness study, broadband mapping, and Kansas Partnership for Accessible Technology. INK supports enterprise

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investments which seek to increase citizen and business access and improve government transparency.

The Chair thanked Mr. Hollingsworth for his presentation. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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