

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sharon Schwartz at 3:30 p.m. on January 27, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Steve Huebert – Absent
Representative Michael Peterson – Excused
Representative Joe Seiwert – Excused

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Carol Bertram, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office & Chair, GIS Policy Board
Ivan Weichert, GIS Director, Kansas Information Technology Office
Ken Nelson, Manager, Kansas Data Access and Support Center

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Representative Kay Wolf stated in the past an elected member of the legislature could also hold another elected office in a city or county and receive compensation. Since a conflict of interest could arise, she recommended that a bill be introduced by the committee that cease allowing a member of the legislature to also hold another elected compensated position. Representative Goico moved the committee introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Holmes. The motion carried.

Representative Terrie Huntington recommended that the committee reintroduce a bill which had been drafted last year in regard to Home Association Property Rights. Representative Lana Gordon moved that the committee introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Delia Garcia. The motion carried.

Representative Larry Powell recommended the committee introduce a bill concerning easements. He said in the past there have been problems in certain areas of the state when there are blanket easements that cover a whole quarter. Representative Mitch Holmes moved the committee introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Otto. The motion carried.

Representative Lana Gordon recommended the committee introduce a bill concerning the Topeka Shawnee County Riverfront Authority which would change current law concerning their meeting requirements. Representative Mah moved the committee introduce this bill, seconded by Mike Slattery. Motion carried.

Representative Lana Gordon recommended the committee introduce a bill which would create a Topeka land bank for the assembly of real property which could then be offered for local development. Representative Holmes moved that the committee introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Mah. The motion carried.

Representative Mario Goico noted that currently legislators file expenditure reports with the Secretary of State as well as with the Election Officials. Rather than filing in two difference places he moved that the Committee introduce a bill which would require legislators to file their expenditure reports only with the Secretary of State. The motion was seconded by Mike Slattery. The motion carried.

On behalf of the Kansas Register of Deeds Association, Richard Samaniego requested the committee introduce a bill which would clarify the requirements of the recording of any plat, replat or plat of survey pursuant to the Apartment Ownership Act and the Townhouse Ownership Act; and correcting the date therein to correspond with the current tax payment date. A draft of this proposed legislation was distributed to the committee (Attachment 1). It was moved by Representative Otto, seconded by Representative Mah the committee introduce this bill. Motion carried.

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Representative Mah moved that the committee introduce a bill which would allow state troopers the opportunity to run for certain public offices, seconded by Representative Slattery. Motion carried.

State of Kansas GIS Initiative

A slide presentation was given to the committee by the following three gentlemen. A hard copy of their presentations was distributed (Attachment 2).

Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office and Chair, GIS Policy Board presented an overview of the GIS Policy Board, and gave a description of the GIS data development and Strategic Plan recommendations.

Ivan Weichert, GIS Director, Kansas Information Technology Office presented an overview of the GIS Management Process. Ivan is the GIS Director and works within the Department of Administration.

Ken Nelson, Manager, Kansas Data Access and Support Center, presented an overview of the Data Access and support Center located at the University of Kansas. Mr. Nelson gave an in-depth report on some of the products available from DASC.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Sharon Schwartz, Chairman