

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 14, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renaë Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties
Dina Fisk, Verizon Wireless
Walter Way, Johnson County Emergency Communications
Bob Lamkey, Director of Public Services Sedgwick County
John Miller, Kansas Legislative Policy Group
John Idoux, CenturyLink
Mike Taylor, Unified Government Public Relations

Others attending:

Twenty seven including the attached list.

Northern Natural Gas had a handout, ([Attachment 1](#)), that answered questions the committee had on **HCR 5022**.

Continued informational hearing on:

E-911

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research, presented several follow up pieces of testimony from Friday:

- Time-line of Legislative Action on 911 ([Attachment 2](#))
- Maximum Allowable Fees for 911 Administration ([Attachment 3](#))
- E-911 Fee Revenue and Distribution Projections Under **SubSB50** assuming \$0.50 fee ([Attachment 4](#))
- 911 Fee Revenue and Distribution Projections Under **SubSB50** assuming \$0.55 fee ([Attachment 5](#))

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Don Hineman, Stan Frownfelter, and Carl Holmes.

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department, also walked the committee through the side by side comparison of 911 Provisions: Current Law versus Proposed Legislation, ([Attachment 6](#)).

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, and Forrest Knox.

Matt Sterling, Kansas Revisor of statutes helped to answer committee questions.

Informational hearing on E-911 was closed.

Continued hearing on:

SubSB 50- Emergency communications service; relating to fees, charges, collection and distribution.

Proponents:

Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties, ([Attachment 7](#)), offered testimony in support of **SubSB50**. They believe that this bill is a nice compromise to what was offered last year. They believe the smaller PSAP's getting more money to help support 911 services offered in this bill, is important to make

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the House Energy and Utilities Committee at 9:00 A.M. on March 14, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

sure that service is provided in the smaller communities. She also handed out further testimony to answer questions that were asked by the committee on Friday, ([Attachment 8](#)), specifically her side by side comparison for the new coordinating council proposed in this bill. She also had a handout that explains the 2010 Grant awards ([Attachment 9](#))

Dina Fisk, Verizon Wireless, ([Attachment 10](#)), spoke to the committee in support of **SubSB50**. Additionally, she handed out another sheet with answers to questions that were asked by the committee on Friday, ([Attachment 11](#)).

Walter Way, Johnson County Emergency Communications, ([Attachment 12](#)), offered testimony in support of **SubSB50**. He spoke of the vision they want to go with for their residents in regards to next generation. Next generation will enable the PSAP to receive text messaging. This ability would address some Americans with Disabilities issues.

Bob Lamkey, Director of Public Services, Sedgwick County, ([Attachment 13](#)), spoke in support of **SubSB50** noting ways in which this bill would help Sedgwick County. He commented that their county benefits by about \$1.2 million with the PSAP funding created by this bill.

Doug Smith spoke for John Miller, Kansas Legislative Policy Group, ([Attachment 14](#)), in support of **SubSB50**. He noted that Kansas needs a statewide comprehensive program in order to dispatch emergency responders quickly and effectively.

John Idoux, CenturyLink, ([Attachment 15](#)), spoke in support of **SubSB50**. He notes that this bill ends the disparity in the E911 surcharge paid by wire-line customers while providing the PSAPs with a funding level needed to sustain operations.

Written Proponents:

Several pieces of written testimony were presented to the committee in support of **SubSB50**:

- Chris Carroll, AT&T, ([Attachment 16](#))
- Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs Association, Kansas Peace Officers Association, ([Attachment 17](#))
- Dale Goter, City of Wichita, ([Attachment 18](#))
- Eric Sartorius, City of Overland Park, ([Attachment 19](#))

Opponents:

Mike Taylor, Unified Government Public Relations Wyandotte County/ Kansas City, ([Attachment 20](#)), offered testimony in opposition to **SubSB50**. He noted a number of ways that they disagree with the bill as it is presented today. Their county would lose about \$20,000 should this bill pass as written today.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Vern Swanson, Don Hineman, Nile Dillmore, Tom Sloan, Forrest Knox, and Annie Kuether.

The hearing on **SubSB50** was closed.

The chair noted that the bill will be worked on Thursday.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 A.M.