

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Richard Carlson at 9:00 A.M. on January 24, 2008 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Davis

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Ryan Hoffman, Legislative Research Department
Richard Cram, Department of Revenue
Rose Marie Glatt, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Angee Morgan - The Adjutant General's Department Division of Emergency Management

Others attending:

See attached list.

Angee Morgan, on behalf of the Adjutant General, presented an overview of county/state/federal declarations and responsibilities during a local disaster. She said that all disasters are local and local resources must be committed first. State resources are available, however, funding is not. Approximately only 10% of disasters that occur are federally declared.

Key points of the presentation include: Local, State and Federal Declarations, Functions, and Responsibilities of Government entities:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Local Declaration: Implements the County Emergency Operations plan; First step in accessing other resources; Activates mutual aid agreements; Protects jurisdiction for legal liability and Temporary suspends regulations regarding purchasing and contracts.
- Major functions of local government: Direction and control; Communications; Warning; Emergency public information; Evacuation; Mass Care; Health & Medical and Resource Management

STATE GOVERNMENT

- State Disaster Declaration: Implements Kansas Response Plan to provide coordinated responses; Governor has powers to make, amend, and rescind orders and regulations and does not provide any funds for local government or victims. A list of agency participants was included in the presentation.
- State Government Responsibilities: Gather damage information; Augment local resources; Coordinate activities among state and volunteer agencies.
- Governor's responsibilities: Declares State of Disaster; Implements State Response Plan; Orders activation of state resources; Requests federal assistance; Plays a significant role in public information; Issues executive orders for emergency; Orders evacuation and is Commander and Chief-National Guard.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Federal Government Responsibilities: Respond to requests for federal assistance; Supplement local and state efforts and coordinate activities among federal agencies; Apply the President's authority.