

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:03 a.m. on January 14, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research  
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Danielle Noe, Johnson County  
Brad Homman, Dickinson County  
John Pinegar, Kansas Legislative Policy Group  
Mike Murray, Sprint

Others attending: See Attached List

**HB 2334 - Loan fund established to fund enhanced wireless 911; 911 tax applicable to both land-line and wireless telephone service users ; HB 2473 - Emergency telephone service; wireless enhanced 911 service; HB 2476 - Wireless enhanced 911 act; Sub SB 153 - Wireless enhanced 911 act**

The hearing on the above reference bills continued with testimony in support of the bills by Danielle Noe, Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator for Johnson County (Attachment 1). Ms. Noe told the committee that Johnson County used 911 tax revenue from hard-wired telephones to begin implementation of the wireless enhanced 911 system.

Brad Homman, Director of the Dickinson County Emergency Communications Center and a Captain with the Dickinson County Sheriff's Department, appeared as a proponent to the bills (Attachment 2). Captain Homman shared the history of the Dickinson County's completion of the Phase II wireless enhanced 911 program. He also provided a listing of costs and revenues associated with that implementation.

John Pinegar, appearing on behalf of the Kansas Legislative Policy Group, addressed the committee in support of the e-911 bills (Attachment 3). Mr. Pinegar stated that the group, a coalition of over 30 western Kansas counties, had been working in the spirit of public safety with the goal of building a ubiquitous statewide wireless e-911 system.

The City of Overland Park submitted written testimony (Attachment 4) in support of the bills.

Ms. Noe, Mr. Homman, and Mr. Pinegar responded to questions from the committee.

Mike Murray, Director of Governmental Affairs for Sprint, testified in opposition to the bills (Attachment 5). Mr. Murray distributed to the committee a proposed substitute (Attachment 6) that they would like to see addressed. Additionally, Mr. Murray shared a copy of his personal Sprint wireless telephone bill (Attachment 7); a listing of costs to implement e-911 Phase I (Attachment 8); a map showing each state's wireless surcharges (Attachment 9); and a copy of Sprint's Local Exchange Tariff (Attachment 10).

Mr. Murray responded to questions from the committee.

Chairman Holmes closed the hearing on **HB 2334, HB 2473, HB 2476, and SB 153.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 15.