

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Olson at 1:36pm on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jeff Longbine – Excused

Committee staff present:

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department

Michael Welton, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Scott Frank, KS Legislative Post Audit;

Walt Way, 911 Coordinating Council

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Senator Olson opened the meeting with welcome to all attendees. He referenced that draft minutes of committee meetings were included in committee packets and would be considered on Thursday. He noted that in meeting packets committee members should note research staff report of Friday presentation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ([Attachment #1](#)) with summary of questions and answers ([Attachment #2](#)).

Senator Smith commented on a current successful use of the Kelsey Smith Act by law enforcement agencies. He announced that because the Kelsey Smith Act was invoked a five month abducted little girl was back safe with her family. He wanted to recognize that it was this committee and Senator Olson's initiative that led to passage of the original bill that has since become a model bill across the nation.

### **Presentation on: Overview of Post Audit 911**

Senator Olson called on Scott Frank, Kansas Legislature Post Auditor to begin the presentation ([Attachment #3](#)).

Presenter made the following points in response to questions and comments from Senators Hawk and Knox:

- 1.) The Lifeline program is a government subsidized wire line or wireless phone service that allows all 911 dispatchers to automatically identify the callers physical location. The presenter noted that because of federal funding these Lifeline phones do not generate a 911 fee to help pay for 911 service.
- 2.) A committee member requested information on what percentage of Kansas phone numbers were actually subsidized by the Lifeline program.

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3.) It was also noted that unspent 911 monies may be carried over.

Senator Olson thanked Mr. Frank for his contribution to the committee.

**Presentation on: Update on 911 Coordinating Council**

Senator Olson called on Walt Way, Chair of the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council to begin his presentation ([Attachment #4](#)).

The presenter made the following points in response to comments and questions from Senators Hawk, Smith, Petersen, Knox, Lynn and Francisco:

1.) The capital intensive process for implementation of the statewide data centers and networks that were initiated in 2012 is expected to be complete by October of this year and the full state-wide mapping should be complete within about three years. In some instances, calls will be able to be rerouted to another Public Safety Access Points (PSAP) and in some areas there is a dynamic mix of emergency, fire and law enforcement system interaction.

2.) The goal is to eventually have GIS mapping integrated into a state-wide system that during a disaster in one area calls could be rerouted and handled from another area.

Senator Olson thanked Mr. Way for his contribution.

Senator Olson summarized next the next week's committee agenda.

Seeing no further questions or comments Senator Olson adjourned meeting at 2: 20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2014.