

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on February 16, 2010, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant  
Jeannine Wallace, Sen. Apple's Office Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Chair continued discussion and questions on

**House Substitute for Substitute for SB 48 - Emergency telephone service, fees, charges, collection and distribution**

League of Kansas Municipalities provided information about the cities in Kansas that operate PSAPs. (Attachment 1)

Chair noted there was concern voiced by committee members on various aspects of **House Substitute for Substitute for SB 48**. Consensus that this bill will not pass out of committee as written. He appointed Senator Brownlee to be in charge of putting together amendments regarding funding levels, anticipated costs and funding stream. Various committee members will cover other items of concern and coordinate their efforts with Senator Brownlee.

Chair continued review of the comparison of provisions covering audits and reviews, provider costs, grant fund, immediate transfer of grant funds, dissolution of current grant fund and board, information received by the Secretary of Revenue and ongoing fees.

Discussion will be continued on **House Substitute for Substitute for SB 48** at the February 23, 2010 meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

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**SENATE UTILITIES  
COMMITTEE GUEST LIST  
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NAME	REPRESENTING
Mari Tucker	Commerce
John Idoux	Century Link
Tom DAY	KCC
Zob Johnson	Francisco Consulting
Mike Huttles	Rural Independent TeleCos.
DAN JACOBSEN	AT & T
Nelson Krueger	U.S. Cellular
Tom Grogan	AT&T
Patrick Fucile	Sprint
Tom Cochran	Sprint
Anna Fisk	Verizon (Indiana)
Shaly Allen	KRITC
Walter Jensen	Cox
Steve Parrick	CWRB
Berend Koops	Hein Law Firm
Uncas Adams	Gow of Jones



To: Senate Utilities Committee  
From: Kim Winn  
Date: February 16, 2010  
Re: Cities that Operate PSAPs

Based on the questions and comments from the Committee, we wanted to provide you with information about the cities in Kansas that operate PSAPs. There are currently 17 cities that operate PSAPs in Kansas. In most cases where a city is operating a PSAP, it is doing so because the PSAP operations have already been consolidated and the city is the entity that is providing service to the entire county. The breakdown is as follows:

#### MARC Region

While there are 7 separate PSAPs in the Mid-America Regional Council Area, they are operating with significant efficiencies by working together as a region through existing interlocal agreements. These include:

Leawood, Lenexa, Leavenworth, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Shawnee, Unified Government

#### Arkansas City/Winfield

While there are physically two PSAPs in Cowley County, they are actively working toward consolidation.

#### Concordia

Operates a consolidated PSAP that provides service to all of Cloud County

#### Emporia

Operates a consolidated PSAP that provides service to all of Lyon County

#### Fort Scott

Operates a consolidated PSAP that provides service to all of Bourbon County

#### Garden City

Operates a consolidated PSAP that provides service to all of Finney County

#### Independence

Operates a consolidated PSAP that provides service to all of Montgomery County

#### Larned

Operates a consolidated PSAP that provides service to all of Pawnee County

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## Butler County

There are 2 city (Andover and Augusta) PSAPs in Butler County and the County itself also operates a PSAP. These PSAPs currently serve as a backup for one another, but to date have not officially consolidated. Both the City of Augusta and the City of Andover indicate that while this has been discussed, the consolidation has been rejected to date because the city PSAP is more efficient and provides a better service than the County PSAP.

The current law sends 911 financing directly to the entities that are actually offering the 911 services in Kansas. Sending the money to counties or other entities that do not operate a PSAP may serve as a disincentive to consolidation.

For example, there is one county that has consistently asked for grant monies to build a duplicate system in an area where the entire county is already served by a city PSAP that is fully Phase II compliant. For this reason, the 911 Advisory Committee has rejected their funding requests. However, sending money directly to this county (that is not currently operating a PSAP) would give them the opportunity to set up a duplicate system. We strongly urge the Committee not to send funds to entities that are not currently operating a PSAP.

In order to achieve a greater level of efficiency, we recommend using the redistribution formula and the grant funds as methods of incentivizing consolidation and cost-sharing.

Please let us know if there is any further information that we can provide.