

MINUTES OF THE E-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deena Horst at 3:39 p.m. on February 15, 2001, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representatives Henderson, Holmes, Alldritt and Stone, all of whom were excused.

Committee staff present:

Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Denise Richards, Committee Secretary

Conferees Appearing before the Committee:

Janet Chubb, Assistant Secretary of State, Secretary of State's Office

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The minutes for the February 13, 2001, were approved. (Motion, Representative Gatewood, second Representative Tafanelli)

Janet Chubb, Assistant Secretary of State, introduced her staff: Debbie Garman, Chief Information Office (CIO) Division; Randy Foster, Network/Operations Manager; Jim Minihan, Partner in Imerge; Jessie Borjon, Public Relations Director; and Kathy Sachs, Uniform Commercial Code Director.

Ms. Chubb outlined the statewide services of the Secretary of State's Office (SOS), which include a full array of information technology. She had two messages with a common theme; (1) how partnerships can facilitate the adoption of good technology and (2) how partnerships have helped the SOS office build e-initiatives to serve the people. She stated the office developed a need for a very secure kind of signature for electronic filings. There was a Digital Signature Law passed in 1997, but the SOS realized after two years there wasn't a place a customer could go to find out how to use a digital signature or what it could do after a person got one. The Information Network of Kansas (INK), Representative Jim Morrison and Stan Clark assisted with legislation that would be a true digital signature model for the state of Kansas. Ms. Chubb then gave examples of restructuring the staff in the SOS office, electronic government and elections.

Answering questions Ms. Chubb stated that anyone can obtain Digital Signature information by calling the SOS office. She also stated the customer service department answers between 800 and 1,000 telephone calls per day.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 526-S.