

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on March 2, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Rob Bruchman-excused
Representative Don Hineman-excused
Representative Mike Slattery-excused

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renaë Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Stan Adams, Department of Commerce Rural Development

Others attending:

Twenty-one including the attached list.

Informational hearing on Kansas Broadband initiatives.

Stan Adams, Department of Commerce, ([Attachment 1](#)), spoke to the committee about their broadband mapping and planning grant; where Kansas has been and where Kansas plans to go. They shared data that has been collected, they set the stage for a technical demonstration of the broadband map by Connected Nation.

Brent Lagg, Connect Kansas, Connected Nation, ([Attachment 2](#)), presented a power point on the broadband initiative in Kansas. He spoke about the objectives of the program, noting the website, www.broadbandmap.gov, that allows consumers all over the country to see what kind of broadband service is available at their address location. He handed out information to each committee member giving specific information to the them about their own district. ([Attachment 3](#)) He spent time demonstrating the Kansas web-page, www.connectkansas.org and explaining what the data on the system can express. He further went on to break down statistically the users and non users of the internet in Kansas and the demographic break down of the usage of technology.

The committee also received information on:

- Estimated Availability of Broadband Service by County ([Attachment 4](#))
- Broadband Statistics Report ([Attachment 5](#))

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Phil Hermanson, Vern Swanson, Reynaldo Mesa, Annie Kuether, Tom Sloan, Mike Burgess, Carl Holmes, Nile Dillmore, and Gail Finney.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 A.M.