

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS
Meeting Jointly
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
1:00 PM
Statehouse Convention Center, Governor's Hall IV, 3 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Scott Flippo, Chair; Joshua Bryant, Jim Petty, Dan Sullivan; Representatives Lanny Fite, Chair; Wade Andrews, Stan Berry, Frances Cavenaugh, Carol Dalby, DeAnna Hodges, Mike Holcomb, Ashley Hudson, Wayne Long, Mindy McAlindon, Tippi McCullough, Richard McGrew, R. Scott Richardson, Johnny Rye, Bart Schulz, and David Whitaker

Other members present: Senators Alan Clark, Frederick J. Love; Representatives Howard M. Beaty, Jr., Harlan Breaux, Denise Jones Ennett, Vivian Flowers, Denise Garner, Steve Hollowell, Jack Ladyman, Jon Milligan, Jay Richardson, Jamie Scott, and Joy Springer

Senator Flippo called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the May 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Review of the State Water Plan

Chris Colclasure, Director, Natural Resources Division, Arkansas Department of Agriculture, gave an overview on the State Water Plan, taking note to highlight the population increases and decreases of each county and how that might affect the plan.

Discussion of Act 605 of 2021- Key Provisions, Objectives, and Future Implications for the State and Municipal Water Systems [Exhibit D]

Chris Colclasure, Director, Natural Resources Division; Mark Hayes, Executive Director, Arkansas Municipal League; John Wilkerson, General Counsel and Legislative Director, Arkansas Municipal League; and Jack Critcher, Legislative Liaison, Arkansas Municipal League; discussed Act 605 of 2021.

Preparations for the Future

Mark Hayes, Executive Director, Arkansas Municipal League; John Wilkerson, General Counsel and Legislative Director, Arkansas Municipal League; and Jack Critcher, Legislative Liaison, Arkansas Municipal League; discussed the upcoming events in this year's Arkansas Municipal League conference such as Act 605 training and "How to Protect Your Water from Cyber Attacks".

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.