

HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC PROTECTION, TOURISM, AND ENERGY

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the 2023 Regular Session

March 1, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

The fourth meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Protection, Tourism, and Energy was held on March 1, 2023, at 12:00 PM in Room 171 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Fugate, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Chris Fugate, Chair; Representative Aull, Representative Gentry, Representative Hart, Representative Lockett, and Representative Reed

Guests: Jeff Noel, Secretary; Katie Smith, Deputy Secretary/Commissioner, Economic Development Cabinet; Lindy Casebier, Secretary; Russ Meyer, Commissioner; Ron VanOver, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Parks, Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet

LRC Staff: Joseph Holt, Kevin Newton, Sara Rome, and Jennifer Luttrell

Approval of Minutes - February 8, 15, and 22, 2023

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 15, and 22, 2023, meetings was made by Representative Reed, seconded by Representative Lockett, and approved by voice vote.

Economic Development Cabinet

Jeff Noel, Secretary, and Katie Smith, Deputy Secretary/Commissioner, Economic Development Cabinet, provided information regarding Economic Development Projects in rural Kentucky.

Mr. Noel replied to Chair Fugate that the most significant challenges regarding economic development projects in rural Kentucky are understanding what communities offer, attracting companies that fit, concentrating on manufacturers' supply chains, logistical issues such as road improvements, and the perception of the workforce. Mr. Noel agreed to the cabinet working with Chair Fugate to discuss the trail system as economic development in eastern Kentucky.

Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet

Lindy Casebier, Secretary; Russ Meyer, Commissioner, Department of Parks; and Ron VanOver, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Parks, Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet, shared information regarding the Kentucky Department of Parks' profitability.

In response to questions from Chair Fugate, Mr. Meyer said that the Department of Parks would provide the committee with a detailed list of the park system's upgrade needs.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PM.

