

# HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL, PUBLIC RETIREMENT, AND FINANCE

## Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2023 Regular Session

February 15, 2023

### Call to Order and Roll Call

The second meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Personnel, Public Retirement, and Finance was held on February 15, 2023, at 12:00 PM in Room 149 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Ken Fleming, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

### Present were:

Members: Representative Ken Fleming, Chair; Representative Randy Bridges, Representative Myron Dossett, Representative Al Gentry, Representative David Hale, and Representative Nancy Tate.

Guests: Tom Crawford, Executive Director, Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation; Mike Tackett, Division Director, Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation; Dustin Billings, Executive Director, Kentucky Property Valuation Administrators Association; David O'Neill, Fayette County PVA; Lee Martin, Chief Deputy, Graves County PVA; and, Kent Anness, Geospatial Information Officer, Commonwealth Office of Technology.

LRC Staff: Liz Columbia, Ethan Williams, and Spring Emerson.

### Approval of Minutes - February 8, 2023

Representative Tate moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Representative Hale, and the minutes were approved without objection.

### KY Property Valuation Administrators Association

Dustin Billings, Executive Director, KY Property Valuation Administrators Association (KPVAA); David O'Neill, Fayette County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA); and, Lee Martin, Chief Deputy Graves County PVA, provided information regarding utilization of aerial imagery by the PVAs.

In response to questions from Chair Fleming regarding financial savings and utilization of the website by other agencies, Mr. O'Neill said there could be significant savings due to the ability to use the imagery rather than conduct physical inspections. Other agencies within the county, including fire and police departments, also use the website for aerial imagery.

In response to questions from Representative Dossett, Mr. Martin said total assessment decreased in Graves County last year, but there was no increase in tax rates. As properties are replaced, values increase.

In response to a question from Representative Dossett, Mr. Martin said first responders are able to determine addresses from the aerial imagery. Representative Dossett commented that counties are in need of long term disaster recovery funds.

In response to a question from Chair Fleming, Mr. Billings said the additional flyover of Mayfield was included in the original contract, due to the tornado being in the F-4 category.

Representative Bridges expressed his appreciation for their work.

#### **Dept of Revenue - Office of Property Valuation**

Tom Crawford and Mike Tackett provided information regarding the use of aerial imagery within their agency.

Chair Fleming requested information regarding the cost savings for counties. Mr. Crawford will provide that at a later date.

In response to a question from Chair Fleming regarding collaboration with other agencies, Mr. Crawford said the information is utilized far beyond the PVAs. Representative Bridges agreed the implications of use go beyond that, and the service is necessary.

#### **Commonwealth Office of Technology**

Kent Anness, Geospatial Information Officer, COT, presented a project overview and update on KyFromAbove, a statewide aerial mapping initiative.

In response to questions from Representative Bridges, Mr. Anness said the main thing that might hold up the completion of the project within the two-year plan would be weather conditions. Other states would approach the project with a three-year period. Some of the larger states use a four-year cycle. It would be ideal for Kentucky to use a three-year cycle and align with the urban areas that are already using a three-year cycle. There have been no issues with sharing the aerial photography data; however, there are data layers that we have no access to without paying for it. Aerial photography data refresh rates are based on the geographic area.

In response to a question from Chair Fleming, Mr. Anness said the information from PVAs can cost \$200,000 to \$350,000 per year, and is heavily skewed to larger counties. Chair Fleming said that information needs to be quantified and provided for budgeting purposes.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 PM.