

# HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2023 Regular Session

February 9, 2023

### Call to Order and Roll Call

The 1st meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government was held on February 9, 2023, at 12:00 AM in Room 171 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Chris Freeland, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

### Present were:

Members: Representative Chris Freeland, Chair; Representative Kevin D. Bratcher; and Representative Mary Beth Imes.

Guests: Billie Johnson, Executive Director; Scott Sharp, ARC and DRA Program Manager; Department for Local Government; Jason Vincent, Executive Director, Pennyriple ADD; Eric Sexton, Executive Director, Barren River ADD; Adam O'Nan, Union County Judge Executive; Steve Henry, Webster County Judge Executive; Josh Keats, Executive Director; Ami Bower, Financial Manager; and Mike Sunseri, Deputy Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security/ Administrator, KY 911 Services Board.

LRC Staff: Emma Mills, Justin Perry, Justin Smith, David Talley, and Jennifer Luttrell.

### Department for Local Government - Office of Federal Grants

Billie Johnson, Executive Director; Scott Sharp, ARC and DRA Program Manager; Department for Local Government; and Jason Vincent, Executive Director, Pennyriple ADD, provided information on Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

In response to questions from Representative Bratcher, Mr. Sharp responded that Congress redrew the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) map to add Edmonson, Hart, and Robertson Counties to the previous 51 counties in the ARC region. ARC is an economic development agency that primarily provides funds for water and wastewater projects administered by the CDBG section, EDA, or USDA-RD. ARC administers funding for nonconstruction projects from the federal office. Mr. Vincent replied that the Pennyriple ADD is part of the Delta Regional Authority (DRA), not the ARC. Ms. Johnson stated that the Recreational Trails Program is separate from the Kentucky Mountain Recreational Authority.

In response to a question from Chairman Freeland, Mr. Weber said that local volunteers and organizations cleaned up the recreational trails after disasters such as the western Kentucky tornadoes and the eastern Kentucky flooding. The department does not provide funding in those situations.

### Area Development Districts

Jason Vincent, Executive Director, Pennyriple ADD; Eric Sexton, Executive Director, Barren River ADD; Adam O'Nan, Union County Judge Executive; and Steve Henry, Webster County Judge Executive, provided information on the Area Development Districts (ADD).

In response to a question from Chairman Freeland, Mr. Vincent stated that the ADD process is a partnership between the local officials and the ADDs.

**Kentucky Office of Homeland Security**

Mike Sunseri, Deputy Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, Administrator, KY 911 Services Board, provided information on the Kentucky 911 Services Board.

In response to a question from Chairman Freeland, Mr. Sunseri confirmed that the funding for the Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) and the Next Generation 911 Core Services (NGCS) is \$7 million a year for the next five years.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 PM.