

# SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

## Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2024 Regular Session

January 31, 2024

### Call to Order and Roll Call

The second meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation was held on January 31, 2024, at 10:00 AM in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Brandon J. Storm, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

### Present were:

Members: Senator Brandon J. Storm Vice Chair; Senators Karen Berg, Robby Mills, Brandon Smith, Johnnie Turner, Mike Wilson, and David Yates.

Guests: Jim Gray, Secretary, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Heather Stout, Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, (KYTC); Tabatha Clemons, President, Kentucky County Clerk's Association

LRC Staff: John Snyder, Dana Fugazzi, Ashley Nash, and Christina Williams.

### Approval of the January 24, 2024 minutes

Senator Robby Mills made a motion to approve the committee's January 24, 2024 meeting minutes. Senator David Yates seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

### Discussion of the Implementation of Kentucky Automated Vehicle Information System (KAVIS)

Jim Gray, Secretary, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), and Heather Stout, Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, KYTC, briefed the committee on the recent implementation of the Kentucky Automated Vehicle Information System (KAVIS), a custom Microsoft.NET solution-based system developed in-house at KYTC, which replaced the previous Automated Vehicle Information System (AVIS) that was operable for over 45 years. Secretary Gray and Ms. Stout briefly discussed the success of the new system as well as challenges that have been faced since its January 8, 2024 implementation. To address issues, KAVIS team members have worked many additional hours in January offering in-person technical assistance and training as needed. KAVIS supports more enhancements and extended services while offering faster transaction reporting and an intuitive interface. It also offers greatly improved data analysis.

Tabatha Clemons, President, Kentucky County Clerk's Association, also briefly discussed positives, as well as challenges Kentucky County Clerks have seen since implementation. Ms. Clemons discussed larger wait times due to having to shut down AVIS at the end of December, as well as some unique scenarios that are occurring across the state due to the system change. Overall, Ms. Clemons was supportive of the implementation of KAVIS, and praised the KAVIS team for their efforts.

Understanding that this change is complicated, many members were appreciative and supportive of the new system. When asked if there was anything that could be done legislatively to ease complications during this process, Ms. Stout stated there was not anything she could

think of currently, but KYTC would reach out if that changes.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Storm adjourned the meeting at 10:54 A.M.