

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the 2020 Interim

November 10, 2020

Call to Order and Roll Call

The sixth meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 10:30 AM, in Room 169 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Jimmy Higdon, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Jimmy Higdon, Co-Chair; Representative Sal Santoro, Co-Chair; Senators Robin L. Webb and Max Wise; Representatives Chris Fugate, Chris Harris, Samara Heavrin, Thomas Huff, John Sims Jr, and Ken Upchurch.

Guests: Jim Gray, Secretary, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC); Robin Brewer, Executive Director, Office of Budget and Fiscal Management, KYTC; Sarah Jackson, Project Manager, REAL ID; and, Bobbi Jo Lewis, Commissioner, Office of Rural and Municipal Aid, KYTC.

LRC Staff: Justin Perry, David Talley, and Spring Emerson.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Senator Wise to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Co-Chair Santoro, and the minutes were approved without objection.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Secretary Gray, Ms. Brewer, and Ms. Lewis provided an overview of the KYTC, its budgetary needs, and any effects of COVID-19.

In response to a question from Chair Higdon regarding projected revenues for the upcoming budget, Ms. Brewer said that information will be forthcoming when the Consensus Forecasting Group meets again in a few weeks.

In response to a question from Chair Higdon regarding the Highway Maintenance budget, Secretary Gray said it has been moving forward for the last three months. He added that the Bridging Kentucky project is being evaluated.

In response to a question from Chair Higdon regarding the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges project, toll collections, and debt service, Ms. Brewer said Megan McLain, Innovative Finance Manager, would better answer that. She added that there is money in reserve for debt service payments, and will provide a status update at a later date.

In response to a question from Chair Higdon regarding tax expenditures for the upcoming budget, Secretary Gray said KYTC functions with efficiency and effectiveness.

In response to a question from Co-Chair Santoro regarding deadlines for federal grants, Secretary Gray said the Cabinet is very mindful of federal requirements.

In response to a question from Chair Higdon regarding REAL ID, Ms. Jackson provided an update of the regional offices and the expansion plan, despite the process being slowed due to the pandemic. She said Hopkinsville and Louisville will be larger offices to increase output.

In response to a question from Chair Higdon regarding CDL licensing, Ms. Jackson said the CDL requires in-person applications and cannot be done online.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 AM.