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# GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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## MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

**Meeting Date:** November 12, 2003  
**Meeting Time:** 9:00 A.M.  
**Meeting Place:** State House, 200 W. Washington St.,  
Room 125  
**Meeting City:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Meeting Number:** 3

**Members Present:** Steve Baranyk; Jeff Brougher; Donald Cook; Mark GiaQuinta;  
Thomas Sponsel.

**Members Absent:** Jerry Payne; Jeff Williams.

### 1. Opening Remarks

The Chair, Mr. Steve Baranyk, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted. Mr. Baranyk announced that Mr. Robert McKinney and Mr. Jeff Williams had resigned from the Subcommittee on General Government.

### 2. Chair's Report (Exhibit A)

The Chair announced that Mr. Derek Sublet of the law firm of Baker and Daniels will be assisting the Subcommittee. The Chair announced that Mr. Larry Kennedy, former Bank One executive, has joined the Subcommittee, but he is out of town today. Mr. Baranyk also said that the Co-chairs are working to fill the remaining vacancies with the support of the Legislature. Mr. Baranyk said that the Co-chairs of the Commission met with the Governor and received his full support for the Commission. The Governor told the Co-chairs that all state agencies are to fully cooperate with the work of the Subcommittee. Mr. Baranyk said that he is working with Ms. Laura Larimer, Chief Information Officer for the state, on the formation of an I.T. Task Force to perform an assessment of the state of information technology with state government. The Chair

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibits and other materials referenced in these minutes can be inspected and copied in the Legislative Information Center in Room 230 of the State House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Requests for copies may be mailed to the Legislative Information Center, Legislative Services Agency, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2789. A fee of \$0.15 per page and mailing costs will be charged for copies. These minutes are also available on the Internet at the General Assembly homepage. The URL address of the General Assembly homepage is <http://www.ai.org/legislative/>. No fee is charged for viewing, downloading, or printing minutes from the Internet.

said that Ms. Larimer is here to provide the Subcommittee with an overview of information technology within the state.

Mr. Baranyk said that he is seeking potential members of a Human Resources (H.R.) Task Force to perform an assessment of H.R. policies and procedures in state government. He said that he wants to look at all aspects of H.R. administration, including salaries and wages, benefits, hiring and promotions, etc. He said that Mr. John Renner of the State Budget Agency is to inform the Subcommittee of his work in analyzing health care costs within state government.

Commenting further, the Chair said he met with Mr. David Bryant, Deputy Director of the State Personnel Department, to advise him of the Subcommittee's work and to seek his support for the H.R. Task Force.

Mr. Baranyk said that the General Government Subcommittee has been asked by the Governor to look into the Department of Correction. The Chair also said that Senator Richard Young has asked to look into the Department of Correction. Senator Young provided the Subcommittee a "report" by Mr. Spencer, a retired 32-year Department of Correction employee, indicating potential issues. Mr. Baranyk said that he has contacted Mr. Spencer and advised him that the Subcommittee will be pursuing his issues.

In closing his report, the Chair said that with the support and approval of the Subcommittee he will continue to pursue the actions noted above and those additional actions which the Subcommittee chooses to take. He said that he expects that by the end of the year, the Subcommittee should be sufficiently organized to perform its work.

### **3. Review of Line Item Appropriations Added in Last Ten Years**

Mr. Ron Sobecki, Assistant Director of Public Safety and Transportation, State Budget Agency, addressed the Subcommittee on this topic. Mr. Sobecki distributed a memo, Exhibit B, which provides the background for the boards and commissions created over the last ten years. Exhibit C is a spreadsheet which provides the agency name, when the agency was created, the appropriations for FY 2004 and FY 2005, along with Indiana Code citation, the date created, and the public law number. The Subcommittee discussed with Mr. Sobecki his presentation, with attention paid to the Tobacco Cessation Program. Ms. Jennifer Thuma, Legislative Liaison with the Attorney General's Office, told the Subcommittee that the program began in 1998. She said that many tobacco companies did not sign the Master Agreement in 1998, and that payments to the states are based on market share. Mr. Dave Certo of the State Treasurer's Office which invests the Master Agreement money told the Subcommittee that for FY 2003, the state collected approximately \$147.9 million. (See Exhibit D.)

### **4. Summary of Health Care Cost Situation in State Government**

Mr. John Renner, Budget Analyst, State Budget Agency, provided the Subcommittee with a report on health care expenditures, Exhibit E. Mr. Renner told the Subcommittee that Marilyn Schultz, State Budget Director, created a Health Care Task Force in June 2003. He said that the objectives of the Task Force are: (1) sharing general information between agencies and institutions relating to health care expenditures; (2) discussion of programs and processes that have resulted in cost savings or reduced utilization for agencies and institutions without sacrificing quality; (3) investigating the implementation of successful programs or processes in other agencies or institutions; and (4) identifying and implementing bulk purchasing or joint venture opportunities between agencies and institutions.

## **5. Summary Overview of State Information Technology System and Tele-Conferencing Capabilities**

The Chair called upon Ms. Laura Larimer, Chief Information Officer for the state. Ms. Larimer discussed information technology and its many facets. Ms. Larimer distributed several exhibits. Exhibits F through N capsule Ms. Larimer's presentation to the Subcommittee.

## **6. Future Subcommittee Meetings**

The Subcommittee decided to meet on December 4, 11, and 17, with the meetings beginning at 9:00 a.m. The room number will be announced. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.