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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: December 4, 2003
Meeting Time: 9:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 125
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 4

Members Present: Steve Baranyk; Donald Cook; Jerry Payne; Thomas Sponsel; Larry Kennedy.

Members Absent: Jeff Brouger; Mark GiaQuinta.

The Chair, Mr. Steve Baranyk, opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

NOTE: The minutes for the November 12 meeting said that the third meeting of December for the Subcommittee on General Government would be held on December 17. That is incorrect. The third meeting in December will be held on Thursday, December 18, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 125. Please note the correction. The correct date appears on the Meeting Calendar issued by the Legislative Services Agency.

1. Chair's Report

Mr. Baranyk welcomed Mr. Larry Kennedy to the Subcommittee. Mr. Kennedy is a former Bank One executive. He said that Mr. Kennedy has been present at several meetings with state agencies, including the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Department of State Revenue. Mr. Baranyk said that he and Mr. Kennedy had breakfast with Senator Jeff Drozda on November 19 and received input on a number of issues. Mr. Baranyk said that to date there were no other appointments to the Subcommittee. He said that the

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Commission Co-Chairs will continue to work on this.

2. Activities Since Last Subcommittee Meeting on November 12

A. Tuesday, November 18 - met with Sue Roberson, Director of State Personnel Department, and key staff to form Personnel Task Team.

Jennifer Vigran, former Director of State Personnel Department, has agreed to serve on the Task Team.

John Beede, former General Electric H.R./O.D. executive, also has agreed to serve.

Additional members are still being sought.

B. Thursday, November 20 - met with Lori Kaplan, Commissioner of IDEM, and her staff to plan for their presentation to the Subcommittee and begin formation of IDEM Task Team.

Recruited Dr. Bill Beranek, former IDEM staff member and principal of Indiana Environmental Institute, Inc., to head up IDEM Task Team.

C. Laura Larimer has been instrumental in forming the IT Task Team.

Steve McNear, President and CEO, Quest Information Systems

Jim Wheeler, Tech Point

Steve Kaser, Manager IT Services, Technology Service Corporation and others

Initial organization meetings are taking place.

D. Monday, December 1, met with Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Commissioner, Bryan Nicol, to plan for their presentation to the Subcommittee.

Monday, December 1, met with John Goss, Director, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and staff to plan for their presentation to the Subcommittee.

E. Tuesday, December 2, met with Larry McKee, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of State Revenue, along with Larry Kennedy and Jerry Payne, to plan for their presentation to the Subcommittee (Commissioner Miller was unavailable that day).

F. Tuesday, December 2, met with Jennifer Vigran and Sue Roberson, along with Jerry Payne, to initiate Task Team work.

G. The Chair has been working with the State Ethics Commission to obtain a letter defining how outside professionals can participate on Task Teams and avoid conflicts of interest.

3. Chair's Intentions

The Chair will continue the above efforts to move forward the work of the Subcommittee.

4.State Agency Support

The Chair thanked all state agency employees with whom he has worked and who all continue

to be most helpful and supportive of the Subcommittee's work.

5. Department of Natural Resources

The Chair recognized John Goss, Director of the DNR, for his presentation. Mr. Goss distributed Exhibit A, Budget Presentation for the FY 2004 - FY 2005 Biennium. This document contains much of the material presented by Mr. Goss and Mr. Sean Fahey, Deputy Director of the DNR. Exhibit B contains the mission statement of the DNR, along with the vision and the goals of the DNR. Exhibit C is the organizational chart of the DNR. Exhibit D contains the programs and functions by division of the DNR. Exhibit E shows the operating summaries for FY 2004 and FY 2005.

In the course of discussion, the DNR was asked to help the Subcommittee by suggesting efficiencies on their own. Mr. Fahey told the Subcommittee that the DNR would do so.

6. Department of Transportation

Mr. Baranyk called upon Bryan Nicol, Commissioner of INDOT, for his presentation. Mr. Nicol introduced his Executive Staff - (a) Tim Jeffers, Deputy Commissioner for Highway Operations; (b) Kathy Noland, Director of Communications; (c) Richard Smutzer, Chief Engineer; (d) Gary Eaton, Chief Budget and Fiscal Management Division; (e) Rick Whitney, Chief Financial Officer; and (f) Laurie Maudlin, Chief Fiscal Policy and Federal Affairs Division.

Mr. Nicol distributed the INDOT Annual Report for 2003 (Exhibit F). This document formed the basis for Mr. Nicol's presentation. In addition, Mr. Nicol distributed the INDOT Financial Plan (with Special Session Bill 1001 changes) (Exhibit G). As with the DNR, Mr. Nicol was asked to provide his own list of potential efficiencies for the INDOT. Mr. Nicol said that he would comply with the request.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.