MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Burgess at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
    Rep. Roth - Excused

All Committee staff was present except Julian Efird, Legislative Research.

Special Guest:
    Jim Wilson, First Assistant Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
    Scott Derby, Productivity Specialist, Microsoft Corporation
    Steve Burger, Technology Specialist, Microsoft Corporation
    Robert Kleinhans, Sr. Account Executive, Microsoft Corporation

Others in attendance:
    See attached list.

The Chair recognized Jim Wilson, First Assistant Revisor of Statutes. Mr. Wilson will retire tomorrow after serving many years in the Revisor's office. He was presented a card of thanks and retirement best wishes from Committee members. Chair Burgess thanked him for being able to take our convoluted thoughts or ideas from the Committee and to create a very polished product, proposed legislative bill. He further stated that the help from staff with the Committee duties and responsibilities is extremely appreciated. Mr. Wilson stated the job is very rewarding, feel a purpose in doing something, and there is a challenge to do the best you can while not knowing if a bill will pass. One of the pleasures is the people with whom he has worked, and that he could not do his work without knowing what it is like to walk in the shoes of elected representatives. He thanked the Committee and left the meeting shortly thereafter.

Steve Burger, Microsoft, introduced Robert Kleinhans, and Scott Derby from Microsoft. Mr. Derby presented the topic, Solutions for a Mobile Government, with a demonstration developed for agencies in Kansas to modernize and streamline processes with field inspections, appeals, and case worker applications with cost savings to Kansas. Microsoft would like to help government through technology and solutions from the product and efficiency perspective. He noted that for IT government today, 70% of the dollars are spent for maintenance and only 30%

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is dedicated to move forward to new projects. One challenge faced is how to continue to maintain and improve citizens' services. One idea is to automate reporting for the inspection process with the information submitted online to reduce the number of inspectors and the amount of paper. IT could be simplified and streamlined with cloud computing. All infrastructure that has been traditionally managed onsite can now be done in remote locations via the cloud.

As Mr. Derby was getting set up for the demonstration on the inspection, the Chair asked that the Committee act on the two e-mails of minutes sent for review. *It was moved by Representative DeGraaf, seconded by Representative Trimmer, and unanimously voted to approve the Committee minutes of January 30 and 31; February 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, and 29; and March 1*.

With the use of "metro tiles," Mr. Derby demonstrated how to use inspections and mapping to do inspections that might be critical and to combine multiple inspections by different agencies into one using "touch" screen. He noted this can be scaled to a variety of agencies very quickly (bridge, social worker, restaurant, etc.). This was up and running in three weeks with two developers. The route of the inspector can be mapped and location sensors can be built into devices to optimize the route for the inspector to be more effective and timely. The software utilized is Microsoft Sierra, product tools from Office 365, and e-mail calendaring.

Mr. Derby, in response to a question, indicated the Windows platform is the best option in order to synchronize the data. The inspector would have to have a tablet, but the end user could access with any unit that had a browser. He added this would interface with any calendar system using the SNL format. The device used by the end user would need to have full power such as a laptop. The new device being demonstrated is new enough that it has no name, and is in collaboration between Microsoft and Samsung and avoids using multiple mobile devices. The demonstration was with checked boxes, but comment sections can be added. A portable Bluetooth keyboard and docking station comes with the unit. The actual cost of the device (complete PC replacement) is $1,000 and the implementation cost varies. It is designed to work on one's own infrastructure or as a hybrid. The software has been designed to run on Windows 7, 8, and XP. It is designed to work on your own infrastructure or cloud (hybrid). When questioned about new devices, Mr. Derby indicated there will be a great deal of new technology introduced in the next 15 months, including OneNote.

Chair Burgess thanked Mr. Derby, Mr. Burger, and Mr. Kleinhans for the Microsoft presentation on Solutions for a Mobile Government.

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The Chair also noted today is the last planned meeting of the Committee, but if another opportunity arises, there could be another meeting this session. He thanked the Legislative Research staff, Renae Jefferies and Jim Wilson; and Revisor of Statutes staff, Iraida Orr and Julian Efird, for their timeliness in getting bill information to the Committee. He also thanked the Committee members for their participation.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.