

**MINUTES OF THE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**
July 22, 1999 - 1:30 p.m. - Room 403 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. David H. Steele, Chair
Rep. Blake D. Chard, Chair
Sen. Robert Montgomery
Rep. Brent H. Goodfellow
Rep. David L. Zolman
Mr. Gerald R. Capps
Mr. Ronald L. Fox
Mr. Peter R. Genereaux
Ms. Nancy CW Gibbs
Mr. Robert W. Hood
Ms. Eileen B. Longsworth
Mr. Leon Miller
Mr. David A. Packer
Dr. Mike Petersen
Mr. Jerry P. Peterson

Members Absent:

Mr. Garth Howard
Mr. David C. Moon

Members Excused:

Sen. Scott N. Howell
Mr. Cliff L. Ames
Commissioner Stephen F. Mecham
Judge Michael Wilkins

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North,
Research Analyst
Ms. Tani Pack Downing,
Associate General Counsel
Ms. Junie G. Anderson,
Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order - Chair Steele called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Gibbs moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 1999 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. What Is The Status Of State Y2K Remediation? What Is The State Of Local Government Y2K Remediation? What Contingency Plans Are Being Developed? -

Mr. Dave Fletcher, Y2K Coordinator- Utah, updated the committee on the status of Y2K Remediation in Utah. He said 81 percent of the state's systems are totally compliant, another 10 percent are compliant but have to go through a final review process. He discussed the required guidelines set by the state for contingency planning. He noted that on September 14, there will be a statewide contingency plan exercise in which departments will meet to discuss a variety of potential Y2K scenarios to see how they are prepared. He also said the state is coordinating with the federal government and has established the Information Coordination Center (ICC) which will be responsible for assessing status on a national level.

Mr. Fletcher spoke about possible remediation for municipalities and counties. He discussed efforts by the state to provide information to municipalities and counties to assist in their efforts to become Y2K compliant. He said he could not speak for the level of compliance for individual municipalities.

Mr. Fletcher also reported on the status of the Utah Y2K Coalition.

Mr. Jan Furner, Association of Special District, updated the committee on Y2K compliancy efforts involving special districts. He said that larger districts are near compliancy but expressed concern that the smaller districts lack the funding needed to become completely remediated.

Mr. Hood asked if any permanent benefits have been identified that would accrue to the State from the Y2K investment. After discussion of the inventory of software and equipment, he asked if there were plans to maintain that inventory. Mr. Hood also suggested that the chair postpone further discussion on the subject until the Commission studies potential benefits the State may retain from the costly Y2K investment.

Mr. Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties, introduced Mr. Paul Mortensen, Weber County, Mr. Bill Peterson, Utah County, Mr. Alan Spriggs, Summit County, and Mr. Mark Langston, Davis County who spoke about the status of Y2K remediation for their counties, respectively.

3. How Are Remote Education Opportunities Distributed? - Dr. Weldon Sleight, Utah State University, gave a slide presentation regarding the use and distribution of remote education opportunities through the use of digital satellites. He said there is a problem with access in very rural areas. Dr. Sleight also provided a copy of the presentation and distributed a handout titled "Establish an Educational Resource Center in Each County."

Dr. Petersen and Mr. Hood declared a conflict of interest.

Ms. Longworth expressed concern over the lack of coordinators. She said the Utah State University budget will not suffice for the proposal.

MOTION: Mr. Hood moved to approve Mr. Weight's proposal and allow chairs to decide which legislative committees would be appropriate for the chairs to send a letter to indicating Commission support for the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

4. What Is The State Of Geographic Information Systems Development In Utah? - Mr. Dennis Goreham, Automated Geographic Information Center (AGRC), distributed a handout titled "FY2001 - Utah Geographic Information Systems Base Funding." He discussed funding proposals and AGRC's general fund appropriation as outlined in the handout.

Mr. Stewart Challender, AGRC, spoke of projects being developed for public access across the Wasatch Front to the State Geographic Information Database. He also discussed innovative partnerships, framework data revisions, and quality growth efficiency tools.

Mr. Fox asked that Mr. Goreham provide a list of value added GIS items.

5. Resolution Encouraging The Federal Government To Release High Quality Satellite Imagery - Sen. Steele distributed a draft resolution titled "A Concurrent Resolution of the Utah Legislature and the Governor: Public Access to High Resolution Satellite Data."

6. Statutory Barriers To The Digital State Report - Mr. North distributed a letter sent to all 26 Executive Branches, the Judicial Branch, and the Education Community titled "Barriers To Information Technology Review and Report," requesting each entity review statutes affecting the entity to determine what changes need to be made to facilitate the electronic delivery of the entity's services to the public.

7. Adjournment -

MOTION: Mr. Genereaux moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Goodfellow, Mr. Packer, Dr. Petersen, and Mr. Peterson absent for the vote.

