

**AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs**  
**House Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs**  
**Meeting Jointly**

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**Wednesday, July 27, 2022**

**9:00 AM**

**Room A, MAC**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Sen. Gary Stubblefield, Chair  
Sen. Terry Rice, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Stephanie Flowers  
Sen. Alan Clark  
Sen. Jim Hendren  
Sen. Scott Flippo  
Sen. Mark Johnson  
Sen. Dan Sullivan

Rep. Lanny Fite, Chair  
Rep. Milton Nicks, Jr., Vice-Chair  
Rep. Mike Holcomb  
Rep. Frances Cavenaugh  
Rep. Johnny Rye  
Rep. Carol Dalby  
Rep. Les Warren  
Rep. Mark Perry  
Rep. Jamie Scott  
Rep. Keith Slape

Rep. Megan Godfrey  
Rep. Andrew Collins  
Rep. Tippi McCullough  
Rep. Richard McGrew  
Rep. David Tollett  
Rep. Howard M. Beaty, Jr.  
Rep. Delia J. Haak  
Rep. John P. Carr  
Rep. Kendon Underwood  
Rep. Joshua Paul Bryant

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by the Committee Chairs
- C. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the August 18, 2021, Meeting Minutes [**Exhibit B**]
- D. Investing in Arkansas's Water and Wastewater Infrastructure: Overview of Statewide Industry Needs
  - 1. Mr. Michael Clayton, Arkansas Water and Wastewater Managers Association (AWWMA)
  - 2. Mr. Heath Ward, AWWMA
  - 3. Dennis Sternberg, Executive Director, Arkansas Rural Water Association
- E. Urgency in Decision-Making Exacerbated by Current Economic Conditions: The Process in Undertaking Improvements / Expansions
  - 1. Mr. Daniel Dawson, General Manager, Searcy Water Utilities
  - 2. Ms. Thea Hughes, General Manager, Jacksonville Wastewater Utility
  - 3. Mr. Rick Pulvirenti, P.E., Chief Operating Officer, and Director of Engineering, Springdale Water Utilities
  - 4. Mr. Heath Ward, Executive Director, Springdale Water Utilities
  - 5. Mr. John Choate, Manager, Tri-County Regional Water Distribution District (RWDD)
  - 6. Mr. Ross Rogers, Board Member, Tri-County RWDD
  - 7. Mr. Len Cotton, Tri-County RWDD
  - 8. Mr. Robert Dale, Board Member, Tri-County RWDD
  - 9. Mr. Mike Neil, Manager, Northwest Arkansas Conservation Authority

**Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us)**

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F. Discussion from Engineering Firms Concerning the Bid Process and Marketplace, Time Horizon, and Cost Considerations in Today's Economy

1. Mr. Jerry Martin, P.E., Process and Infrastructure Project Manager, Garver Engineering
2. Mr. Aaron Benzing, P.E., Vice President of Client Relations, Hawkins Weir Engineering
3. Mr. Bryon Hicks, P.E., Chairman and Chief Financial Officer, McClelland Engineering
4. Mr. Brad Hammond, P.E., Arkansas Office Leader, Olsson Engineering

G. Discussion Concerning Project Financing

1. Mr. Robert Wright, III, Senior Managing Director, Capital Markets, Crews
2. Mr. Dennis Hunt, Executive Vice President, Public Finance, Stephens Incorporated

H. Discussion by Local Government Officials Concerning the Need to Invest in Arkansas's Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

1. Mr. Doug Kinslow, Mayor, Greenwood
2. Mr. Kent Smith, Mayor, Biscoe
3. Mr. Jonas Anderson, Mayor, Cave City (virtual)
4. Mr. Hillrey Adams, Mayor Mountain Home

I. State's Response to Date From Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Infrastructure Funds

J. Other Business

K. Adjournment