

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS
Meeting Jointly
Thursday, May 23, 2024
9:00 AM
Oaklawn Event Center, Ballroom A, 2705 Central Avenue
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Scott Flippo, Chair; Terry Rice, Vice-Chair; Matt McKee, Jim Petty, and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Milton Nicks, Jr., Vice-Chair; Wade Andrews, Stan Berry, Andrew Collins, Mike Holcomb, Wayne Long, Richard McGrew, R. Scott Richardson, and Johnny Rye

Other members present: Senators Steve Crowell, Jim Dotson; Representatives Howard Beaty, Jon Eubanks, Jon Milligan, and Jeremy Wooldridge

Senator Flippo called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the March 27, 2024, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Broadband Update from the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Arkansas State Broadband Office

Glen Howie, Director, Arkansas State Broadband Office, provided an update on the current Arkansas State Broadband Office, taking note to mention that Arkansas is one of nineteen states to receive over \$1 billion in federal funds for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.