

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

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

3:30 PM

Hot Springs Convention Center, 134 Convention Boulevard
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Sen. Gary Stubblefield, Chair
Sen. Greg Leding, Vice-Chair
Sen. Stephanie Flowers
Sen. Alan Clark
Sen. Keith Ingram
Sen. Jim Hendren
Sen. Scott Flipppo
Sen. Terry Rice

Rep. Lanny Fite, Chair
Rep. Fredrick J. Love, Vice-Chair
Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd
Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh
Rep. David Fielding
Rep. Mike Holcomb
Rep. David Whitaker
Rep. Monte Hodges
Rep. Jana Della Rosa
Rep. Justin Boyd

Rep. Nelda Speaks
Rep. Karilyn Brown
Rep. Milton Nicks, Jr.
Rep. Marcus E. Richmond
Rep. Frances Cavanaugh
Rep. Johnny Rye
Rep. Carol Dalby
Rep. Lee Johnson
Rep. Spencer Hawks
Rep. Cameron Cooper

A. Call to Order

B. Opening Comments by Committee Chairs

1. Senator Gary Stubblefield
2. Representative Lanny Fite

C. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the June 12, 2019, Meeting Minutes **[Exhibit C]**

D. Overview of Programs Offered by the Association of Arkansas Counties (AAC)

- Mr. Chris Villines, Executive Director, AAC

E. Continued Discussion of Recent Floods and Levee Issues

1. Senators Gary Stubblefield and Jason Rapert
2. U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District **[Exhibit E2]**
 - a. Mr. Chris Roark, Deputy Chief Operations/Executive Officer
 - b. Mr. Mike Biggs, Chief of Hydraulics and Technical Services
3. Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
 - Mr. A.J. Gary, Director

F. Update on Basic Wildland Fire Course

- Mr. Joe Fox, State Forester, Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division

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

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G. Discussion and Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISPs)

1. **2019-129** by Senator Hammer - *“Requesting the Arkansas Legislative Council that the Senate Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs conduct an interim study to determine the best practices of fire departments in the state and in the nation that may be implemented in a local community to improve efficiency”* **[Exhibit F1]**
 - a. Senator Kim Hammer, Sponsor
 - b. Committee Discussion and Action
2. **2019-131** by Representative Jana Della Rosa – *“An Act to create a study of public notice and participation in the environmental permitting process”* **[Exhibit F2]**
 - a. Representative Jana Della Rosa, Sponsor
 - b. Committee Discussion and Action
3. **2019-122** by Representative Justin Boyd – *“Requesting the house committee on city, county, and local affairs study the population of inmates being housed in county jails, the cost of inmate’s being held in county jails, the reimbursement rate available to county jails, the reasons behind overcrowding in county jails, and possible alternatives to address the overcrowding in county jails”* **[Exhibit F3]**
 - a. Representative Justin Boyd, Sponsor
 - b. Committee Discussion and Action

H. Continued Discussion of ISP 2019-122

1. Representative Justin Boyd, Sponsor
2. Mr. John Montgomery, Sheriff, Baxter County
3. Judge David Hudson, Sebastian County **[Exhibit H3]**
4. Ms. Lindsey Bailey, General Counsel, AAC **[Exhibit H4]**
5. Mr. Eddie Jones, County Consultant, AAC **[Exhibit H5]**

I. Other Business

J. Adjournment