

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CAPITALS
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *February 4, 2015*

Location: *RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult*

Convened: *10:05 AM*

Adjourned: *10:45 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Huseman-CH, Kooiker-VC, Cohoon-RM, Dawson, Dunkel, Lykam, Maxwell, Moore, Stanerson

Absent:

Excused:

Chairman Huseman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The roll was taken and a quorum was present.

As there were no corrections, amendments and/or deletions to the January 28, 2015, meeting minutes, upon motion by Representative Maxwell, they were unanimously approved.

The Chairman announced there would be no meeting tomorrow; Tuesday's meeting will be the Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security presentations and Wednesday will be a tour of the On with Life facility in Ankeny.

Jeff Berger, Deputy Director, Department of Education, presented information on the Department's technology projects. The Department is requesting \$2.7 million to connect with broadband to cover costs including updating the data warehouse. The data warehouse is not accessible to everyone, certain procedures are required with very few organizations/individuals having direct access to the data. All schools in Iowa have access to funds to assist accessing broadband applications.

Ric Lumbard, Executive Director of the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission, presented the need for equipment replacement for their Commission. He explained what Broadband is and the economic impact it has on Education, Public Safety, Health Care and Government. He reviewed the importance broadband access has in these areas and how it can be used for encouraging economic development and residential use in Iowa. He emphasized that access to affordable and reliable broadband is an issue for all Iowans. Mr. Lumbard explained the different types of broadband technologies and stated the speeds for these technologies vary.

The Commission is requesting \$2.2 million for updating and expanding their programs.

As there was no additional business to come before the Committee, Representative Dunkel moved to adjourn 10.45 a.m.

Representative Daniel A. Huseman

Charlotte Mosher, Committee Secretary