

Senate Committee

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT**

Date: *October 4, 2019*

Location: *RM 116*

Convened: *10:00 AM*

Adjourned: *1:20 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Sinclair-CH, Lofgren-VC, Bisignano-RM, Celsi, Whiting

Absent:

Excused:

Sen. Sinclair stated that the purpose of the meeting is fact-finding regarding alleged break-ins of Dallas and Polk County Courthouses and security testing of court facilities in Dallas and Polk Counties. The committee received testimony from individuals representing Dallas County, Polk County, District 16 of the Iowa State Patrol, and the Judicial Branch. For Dallas County, Sheriff Chad Leonard, County Attorney Chuck Sinnard, and County Supervisors Mark Hanson and Kim Chapman testified. For Polk County, Sheriff Kevin Schneider and Jeff Noble from the County Attorney's office testified. Lieutenant Steve Lawrence from District 16 of the Iowa State Patrol testified. For the Judicial Branch, Chief Justice Mark Cady, Molly Kottmeyer, Legal Counsel to the Chief Justice, Todd Nuccio, State Court Administrator, Elaine Newell, Legal Counsel to the State Court Administrator, Mark Headlee, Director of Information Technology, and John Hoover, Manager of Information Technology, provided testimony to the committee.

Senator Amy Sinclair

Ed Cook, Committee Secretary