

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: ***February 8, 2022*** Location: ***RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber***

Convened: ***11:30 AM***

Adjourned: ***12:30 PM***

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Thompson-CH, Gerhold-VC, Running-Marquardt-RM, Graber, Hansen, Judge, Latham, McConkey, Sorensen

Absent:

Excused:

Chairman Thompson called the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee to order at 11:32 AM.

Roll call was taken and quorum was present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Thompson introduced the meeting's presenter, David Hensley, Executive Director of the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center, University of Iowa.

Executive Director Hensley gave a presentation on new initiatives to support entrepreneurship and economic development, including a mentoring service and campus-wide graduate student entrepreneurial ventures.

Following Executive Director Hensley's presentation, Jon Darsee, Chief Innovation Officer at the University of Iowa, gave a presentation on advancing innovations in the biosciences. Chief Innovation Officer Darsee also presented the biosciences budget.

Following Chief Innovation Officer Darsee's presentation, Dr. Jordan Kaufman, Executive Director of UI Ventures and Iowa MADE presented on how biosciences funding is impacting Iowans. Specifically, Dr. Kaufman described how biosciences facilitate growth from idea to impact, as well as the growing recognition of artificial intelligence leadership.

Following the University of Iowa's presentation, legislators thanked Executive Director Hensley, Chief Innovation Officer Darsee, and Executive Director Dr. Kaufman for their presentation. Legislators asked questions and there was discussion.

On behalf of the Iowa Association of Councils of Governments, John McCurdy, Executive Director-SW Iowa Planning Council (SWIPCO) introduced Mike Norris, Executive Director-SE Iowa Regional Planning Commission, and Rick Hunsaker, Executive Director-Region XII COG.

Executive Director McCurdy presented on the function of Councils of Government, specifically as Iowa's rural economic backbone by assisting communities in the following ways on a regional basis: creating jobs, developing infrastructure, and recovering from natural disasters.

Following Executive Director McCurdy's presentation, legislators thanked Executive Director McCurdy for his presentation and asked questions. There was discussion.

With no further business to come before the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative Judge moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 PM.

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Representative Phil Thompson

