



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, TAXATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

Call to Order:

Chair Douglas Cole called the meeting of the Finance, Taxation, and Economic Development Committee to order at 10:37 a.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was present with Chair Cole and committee members Amstutz, Asher, Mills, Peterson, Tavares, and Trafford in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Presentation and Discussion:

Chair Cole recognized Attorney Scott Ziance, of Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, LLP, who presented on the history of economic development in Ohio. Mr. Ziance provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the evolution of the constitutional provisions relating to economic development, with a particular focus on Article VIII, Sections 4, 6, and 13. Questions were fielded throughout the presentation and the discussion focused on the expansion of state and local government and the sections of Article VIII that apply to economic development.

Senator Charleta Tavares asked for research regarding what other states have in their constitutions regarding public-private partnerships and where Ohio fits on that range. Chair Cole announced that he has addressed that issue.

Mr. Ziance provided suggestions to the committee as potential aspects of the constitution for the committee to address, including that Article VIII, Section 13 does not address the joint

shareholder issue; that the state cannot lend credit for operating capital; and whether the state's full faith and credit should be expanded.

After the presentation concluded, there was a discussion regarding the fact that the Commission proceedings still are not being recorded.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting of the Finance, Taxation, and Economic Development Committee were approved at the November 14, 2013 meeting of the committee.

/s/ Douglas R. Cole
Douglas R. Cole, Chair

/s/ Karla L. Bell
Karla L. Bell, Vice-chair