

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY  
March 4, 2013**

**Members in attendance:**

Senator Joseph Abruzzo, Chair  
Representative Lake Ray, Vice Chair  
Senator Rob Bradley  
Representative Daphne D. Campbell  
Senator Alan Hays  
Representative Daniel D. Raulerson  
Senator Jeremy Ring  
Representative Ray Rodrigues  
Senator Wilton Simpson  
Representative Cynthia A. Stafford

Representative Gayle B. Harrell was excused.

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The agenda items were taken up in the following order:

**Consideration of a request for an audit of the Lauderdale Lakes Community Redevelopment Agency and the City of Lauderdale Lakes' General Fund received from Senator Ring**

At the request of Senator Ring, the request for an audit was deferred.

**Continued discussion and questions related to the Auditor General's audit of Okaloosa County's Oversight of the Tourist Development Council, Tourist Development Taxes, and British Petroleum Funds (Report No. 2013-085)**

Subpoenas were issued to Lewis Communications, The Zimmerman Agency, Okaloosa County Commission Chair Don Amunds and Okaloosa County Commissioner Wayne Harris.

Letters were sent to Clerk of the Circuit Court, Don Howard; County Administrator, James Curry; the former attorney for the Tourist Development Council, Steve Hall; and the five members of the TDC (Warren Gourley, Patricia Hardiman, Kathy Houchins, Bobby Nabors and Dennis Nicholson) who served during the audit period and were also serving on

February 4, 2013, the date the Committee first discussed the audit. The County Attorney, John Dowd, was also asked to attend.

All individuals who were issued a subpoena or requested to attend via letter were present at the meeting except Dennis “Nick” Nicholson, a former TDC member. He provided a statement in lieu of attending the meeting.

Representative Doug Broxon and Representative Matt Gaetz, Okaloosa County Legislative Delegation, attended the meeting and participated in questioning.

Appearing before the Committee and answering questions were:

Warren Gourley, TDC Chair  
Patricia Hardiman, former TDC member  
Kathy Houchins, former TDC member  
Robert ‘Bobby’ Nabors, TDC member  
Steve Hall, former TDC attorney  
Chair Don Amunds, Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners  
Wayne Harris, Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners  
Dave Parisot, Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners  
Don Howard, Okaloosa County Clerk of Courts  
John Dowd, Okaloosa County Attorney  
Ellen Wingard, Senior Vice President, Managing Director, for Lewis Communications  
Curtis Zimmerman and Richard Long from The Zimmerman Agency

The above individuals were placed under oath before speaking to the Committee.

Ted Sauerbeck, Deputy Auditor General, answered questions regarding the audit findings from the Committee.

Also speaking to the Committee were Derek Lott from the Crestview Chamber of Commerce and Steve Menchel, Okaloosa County citizen.

Chair Abruzzo adjourned the meeting.