

Point. Counterpoint.
42nd Annual Conference
Kansas County Commissioners Association
May 1 - May 3, 2018
Doubletree by Hilton Wichita Airport
Wichita, KS

Preliminary Agenda

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

- 12:00 noon Pre-Conference Workshop Registration
- 12:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Pre-Conference Workshop** (*separate fee and registration through Kansas Association of Counties*)
- Workshop Title: **Employment Law: Preventing Harassment and Bullying in the Workplace**
- Workshop Presenter: **Teresa Shulda, Foulston Siefkin, LLP, Wichita**
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Opening Reception** – *generously sponsored by KCAMP & KWORCC. Light hors d'oeuvres and bar provided*

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Meeting Registration Opens and Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks.** KCCA President Lisa Woody, Rawlins County.
- 8:10 a.m. **Welcome to Sedgwick County.** Commissioner David Dennis, Chairman, Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners
- 8:15 – 10:15 a.m. **Topic 1: Lincoln County v. Nielander Revisited:** A discussion of the powers and obligations of elected county officials and how things “ought” to work. Presenter: David R. Cooper, Fisher Patterson Saylor & Smith, LLP, Topeka.

10:15 – 10:40 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:40 – 11:40 a.m.	<p>Topic 2: Immigration Law Basics for County Commissioners: A discussion of the most salient parts of immigration law pertinent to commissioners and other community leaders. Presenter: Richard K. Thompson, Martin Pringle Attorneys at Law, Wichita.</p>
11:45 – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 – 1:45 p.m.	<p>Topic 2 (continued): Immigration Issues at the Community Level. A panel discussion about implications of immigration on community growth and vitality. Time will be allowed for Questions & Answers.</p> <p>Panelists: Allie Devine, immigration attorney, Devine & Donley, LLC, Topeka; Cherise Tieben, City Manager, City of Dodge City; Ernestor De La Rosa, Assistant to the City Manager/Interim Human Resources Director, City of Dodge City. Moderator: Randall Allen, KAC Executive Director.</p>
1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	<p>Short Stretch Break. Participants enjoy a short break and walk to join facilitated discussions in groups defined by population categories (<i>below</i>):</p>
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Commissioner Conversations by Population Groups:</p> <p>Urban (70K and more) Executive (off restaurant) 25-70K.....Salon 3 & 4 10-25K.....Board Room 5-10K.....Multi-media Room Less than 5KSalon 2</p>
3:00 – 3:20 p.m.	Refreshment Break
3:20 – 4:00 p.m.	<p>Topic 3: Interpreting the KAC’s Annual Demographics and Taxation Report. Presenter: Dennis Kriesel, KAC Operations & Finance Director.</p>

4:00 – 5:15 p.m. **Topic 4. Cybersecurity in County Government.** County IT (computer) systems and data are increasingly vulnerable to malicious attack. What is the county commission’s role in protecting the county systems and data from attack? What is the appropriate response(s) when an attack occurs? Moderator/Presenter: Maura Chambers, Risk Manager, KCAMP. Presenter: Kateri Gill, Sr. Program Specialist, Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

5:15 - 6:30 p.m. **Social Time**, *generously sponsored by KCAMP and KWORCC.*

6:30 p.m. **Evening Banquet**

Thursday, May 3, 2018

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. **Topic 5. The Professionals Who Guide the Important Work of Property Appraisal.** Increasingly, legislators assess blame for rising property taxes on the persons who establish property values for taxation purposes, i.e. the county appraisers. Currently, county appraisers are appointed by the county governing board and supervised jointly by commissioners and the Director of Property Valuation. Should this continue or change?

Moderator: Melissa Wangemann, General Counsel and Legislative Director, KAC

Panelists: Barbara Esfeld, Barton County Appraiser and President, Kansas County Appraisers Association; Patti Israel, Ford County Appraiser; David Harper, Director, Division of Property Valuation, State of Kansas.

8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Stretch Break; Announcements from KCCA Leadership; Time for Participant Feedback

9:15 – 9:45 a.m. **Topic 6. Executive Sessions.** The KAC staff receives numerous calls annually about how and when executive sessions of the board of county commissioners/ supervisors may be held. This brief session is for the purpose of reinforcing understanding about executive

sessions so that commissioners are acting within the boundaries of the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA).
Presenter: Melissa Wangemann, General Counsel, KAC.

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Topic 7. 2018 Kansas Legislative Session Update

Presiding: Commissioner Lisa Woody, KCCA President, Rawlins Co.

Presenter: Melissa Wangemann, General Counsel and Legislative Services Director, Kansas Association of

10:30 a.m.

Adjournment

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