KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2009 MEETING
KAC OFFICE, LOWER LEVEL
TOPEKA, SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS

Attendance

Board Members Present: Michele Abbott, Marion County Emergency Management Director; Sheila Biggs, Dickinson County Commissioner; Joe Connor, Unified Government Health Department Administrator; Terry David, Rice County EMS Director; Jack Frick, Scott County Commissioner; R. Steve Garten, Barber County Commissioner; Mark Low, Finney County Appraiser; Larry McAulay, Johnson County Director of Legal Services; JR McMahon II, Miami County Director of Public Works; John Miller, Norton County Commissioner; Tim Norton, Sedgwick County Commissioner; Dale Phillips, Barton County Noxious Weed Director; Dennis Peterson, Riley County Noxious Weed Director; Tom Wagner, Atchison County Commissioner; Dick Works, Allen County Commissioner.

Others Present: Randall Allen, KAC Executive Director; Melissa Wangemann, KAC General Counsel; Sarah Meyer, KAC Annual Conference Coordinator, for discussion on the annual conference.

Proceedings

President Connor called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Dale Phillips moved and Sheila Biggs seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Terry David moved and Dennis Peterson seconded a motion to approve the May 22, 2009 meeting minutes with an amendment reflecting that Michele Abbott’s report discussed emergency management and not emergency medical services. The motion passed.

Dick Works requested that Randall Allen explain the additional fees to Team Tech the last two months, and Randall explained that the increased fees result from Team Tech’s work on implementing the federal stimulus act. Dick Works moved that the Reports of Bills and Payrolls for May 22, 2009 (revised) and July 10, 2009 be approved. The motion was seconded by Tim Norton. The motion passed.

Randall Allen gave the financial report, emphasizing the effects of the Team Tech and other revenues and expenditures related to The Kansas Collaborative™. Tim Norton moved and Dick Works seconded a motion to adopt and file the report. The motion passed.

President Connor thanked Steve Garten for his work on the Finance Committee. President Connor appointed Sheila Biggs to the Finance Committee to replace Steve Garten.
Melissa Wangemann reviewed the bylaws draft with the Board, explaining the edits made by the Board at the last meeting, the new summary created by Joe Connor, and the explanatory notes she added to the draft. Larry McAulay suggested amendments to Article XII and XVII. Larry McAulay moved 1. that the board recommend adoption of the revised bylaws with the amendments to the full membership and 2. release of the draft revised bylaws to the KAC general membership in September. His motion was seconded by Dennis Peterson, and the motion passed.

Randall Allen gave the Executive Director’s Report. He explained a proposed “County Official of the Year Award.” Tim Norton moved and Steve Garten seconded a motion to adopt the program with modifications. The motion passed with two opposing votes by Michele Abbott and Larry McAulay. Michele Abbott and Larry McAulay expressed concerns about the details of the program-- they expressed no concerns about the overall concept.

Randall Allen explained that the endorsement contract with KCAMP was moving forward and he would present the final contract at the September meeting. Randall Allen said he had met with leadership of the affiliate and associate groups yesterday.

Melissa Wangemann explained the process for reviewing and adopting the KAC legislative policy statement this summer. Melissa also explained that several interim committees would meet this fall on issues affecting counties.

Sarah Meyer discussed the preliminary agenda and sponsor brochure for the annual conference. Randall addressed the issue of the one-day (Monday) $125 registration fee for affiliate/associate group members. There was much discussion on the fee. JR McMahon moved and Terry David seconded a motion to direct KAC staff to calculate the appropriate fee for affiliate and associate members attending only the Monday 1-4 p.m. meetings. The motion passed. Sarah Meyer will provide a decision on the fee to the Board at the September meeting.

Joe Connor noted that the Board will be meeting in Marion County for the September meeting. Joe Connor also noted that he and Randall would travel to several counties in the Northeast and Southeast areas of the state.

John Miller gave a report on the Employee Benefits Trust. He noted interest amongst counties in contracting with Rob Mahoney for consultation on health insurance.

Steve Garten gave the NACo report. He expects a downturn of attendance at the NACo conference in Nashville.

Terry David noted that their hospital just went through a major renovation recently and that training for EMS medical directors in Wichita was well-attended. The KEMSA annual conference is scheduled for August in Wichita.

Tim Norton noted that he’s working on a project on training for county commissioners on their responsibilities as local boards of health, as Kansas does not really have a training program on this subject.

Dick Works suggested we discuss hospitals at the annual conference.
JR McMahon noted ongoing problems with the KDOT federal funding exchange program and asked questions about the land surveyor discussions, noting that the highway officials want to continue the review process.

Sheila Biggs said Orion is working better in Dickinson County.

Dale Phillips said his organization was working on a state fair booth.

Mark Low talked about the Kansas County Appraisers Association annual conference in June and noted that the Flint Hills Center was there to talk about Proposition K.

Steve Garten gave a report on the progress of building two hospitals in his county.

Jack Frick said that his county will have an election this fall on whether to build a new hospital. Governor Parkinson visited Scott County this month.

Lary McAulay reported on the CCAK mid-term CLE program.

Tom Wagner said that Atchison County held a ground-breaking ceremony for the new Missouri River bridge last week. He also reported that Atchison County is hosting a training program on employment law that was coordinated by Melissa Wangemann with the State of Kansas’ attorney that handles employment issues.

Joe said that he, Tim Norton and Sheila Biggs practiced their panel discussion for an upcoming NACo conference workshop at the June mid-year meeting of KALHD in Wichita.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann.

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Michele Abbott, Secretary

Minutes approved by the KAC Board on _______________________________.
