

**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
GOVERNING BOARD**

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2010 MEETING  
KAC BUILDING, LOWER LEVEL  
TOPEKA, SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS

Attendance

Board Members Present: Michele Abbot, Marion County Emergency Management Director; Sheila Biggs, Dickinson County Commissioner; Joe Connor, Unified Government Health Department Administrator; Terry David, Rice County EMS Director; Jim Emerson, Crawford County Counselor; Jack Frick, Scott County Commissioner; Mark Low, Finney County Appraiser; JR McMahan II, Miami County Director of Public Works; John Miller, Norton County Commissioner; Dan Partridge, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Administrator; Duane Patrick, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo representative); Dale Phillips, Barton County Noxious Weed Director; Tom Wagner, Atchison County Commissioner; and Dick Works, Allen County Commissioner.

Board Members Absent: Jack Frick, Scott County Commissioner.

Others Present: Randall Allen, KAC Executive Director; Melissa Wangemann, KAC General Counsel; Sarah Meyer, Conference Planner and Education Coordinator.

Proceedings

President Biggs called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Duane Patrick moved and Joe Connor seconded a motion to approve the January 19, 2010 minutes. The motion passed.

Dick Works explained the bills and payrolls and moved to approve the bills and payroll for February 19, 2010. Tim Norton seconded the motion and the motion passed. Dick Works asked Randall Allen to present a statement of financial position. Randall Allen provided a handout outlining the KAC financial position from December 31, 2008 and 2007.

Randall Allen then provided the monthly financial report for December 2009. Duane Patrick moved and Terry David seconded a motion to file the report for audit. The motion passed.

Randall Allen presented the 2010 Secretariat and Support Services Agreement and the Partnership Agreement with the Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA). Dale Phillips moved and Mark Low seconded a motion to approve both agreements. The motion passed.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Each board member and affiliate association representative shared information. John Miller discussed recent premium increases seen with Blue Cross and Blue Shield and noted that counties need to plan for possible increased health care costs. He also noted that Thomas County Commissioner Paul Steele was addressing the issue of agricultural land values by writing letters to others and the Governor.

Terry David discussed the scope of practice bill, the changes at the EMS Board, the changes in Medicaid reimbursement rates, and KEMSA's upcoming spring meeting. Tom Wagner noted that Randall Allen visited with the Atchison County Commission. Tim Norton discussed the public health training modules he has created and noted that he will work with KAC on creating a training program. Tim noted that the program could be a fundraiser for KAC.

Dan Partridge discussed the time line for accreditation. A national report and website was released showing a health status rank among the counties.

Dale Phillips noted that the Weed Directors Conference was coming up in Great Bend. He noted that, as some weed directors age and retire, some counties are absorbing this job into other departments, such as the public works department. The school for weed directors will be held in the following month.

Duane Patrick believes NACo is losing members this year, but he has not seen a list of what Kansas counties have joined for the year.

Joe Connor noted a news story he saw saying the KPERS program was underfunded.

J.R.McMahon noted new federal regulations requiring new reflective signs and discussed possible ways to implement the new signage. He questioned whether existing federal funds could be used to cover the costs. He also mentioned that Miami County is asking for an increased sales tax for infrastructure at the upcoming August election.

Sheila Biggs noted that Dickinson County agreed to sign up for Nationwide's Deferred Compensation program.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann

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Michele Abbott, Secretary

Minutes approved by the KAC Board on \_\_\_\_\_.