

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of May 21, 2010 Meeting
300 SW 8th Avenue, 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; Jim **Emerson**, Crawford County Counselor; Jack **Frick**, Scott County Commissioner; Mark **Low**, Finney County Appraiser; JR **McMahon** II, Miami County Director of Public Works; John **Miller**, Norton County Commissioner; Tim **Norton**, Sedgwick 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. (All members were present.)

Others Present: Randall Allen, KAC Executive Director; Melissa Wangemann, KAC General Counsel; and Dennis Kriesel, KAC Policy Analyst.

Proceedings

Sheila Biggs called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Joe Connor moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2010 meeting, and his motion was seconded by Duane Patrick. The motion passed.

Sheila Biggs and J.R. McMahon commented that they thought the March conference call meeting worked well.

Treasurer Dick Works gave the report of bills and payroll for March 26, 2010 and May 21, 2010. Dick Works moved approval of the reports and Tom Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen deferred to Dennis Kriesel to explain the monthly financial reports for March and April, 2010. Dennis Kriesel focused on the April 2010 statement, explaining how the accrual basis works in reporting monthly financial information. Duane Patrick moved and Jack Frick seconded a motion to accept the report and place it on file.

President Biggs moved item #7 up on the agenda and provided her President's Report. She explained that she had sent a letter to the county elected officials' organizations and had received a written response from the County Clerks Association requesting that KAC officers and their officers meet to discuss further. Sheila will organize a KAC group

to sit down and discuss this issue with the KCCEOA.

Michele Abbott noted that APCO also wanted to become an affiliate organization of KAC. President Biggs placed that item under the information-sharing section of the agenda.

At 10:30 a.m. Alan Conroy, Director of the Kansas Legislative Research Department, provided remarks about the 2010 legislative session, concentrating his remarks on the budget.

President Sheila Biggs moved to agenda item #6 relating to an exclusive referral agreement between KAC and KWORCC. Randall Allen explained the agreement and introduced Jim Parrish and Carl Eyman of KWORCC to discuss the agreement. Terry David moved and Jim Emerson seconded a motion to approve the agreement. The motion passed.

Melissa Wangemann and Randall Allen provided a report on legislative issues. Melissa Wangemann noted that the KAC bylaws call for the Legislative Policy Committee's affiliate/associate member to be nominated by the time of the annual conference; however, KAC had not solicited nor received nominations at its 2009 annual conference. KAC could solicit nominations now or holdover Lisa Eickholt until the next annual conference. The Governing Board recommended that the affiliate/associate representative's term run June - June in order for the person to be present during creation of the platform and execution of the platform during the following session. Nominations for the affiliate/associate position will be due at the time of the annual conference, in accordance with the bylaws, but the term year will run June to June. The 2010-11 Legislative Policy Committee will immediately pick a new person to fill the position until next summer and then accept nominations in November.

Randall explained some problems that arose during the 2010 session relating to member counties working against issues on the platform. Randall Allen suggested that counties proposing additions to the KAC platform be required to bring a governing board member to the meeting to offer the proposal. Jack Frick noted that we need widespread support for issues before they are added to our platform to ensure statewide support. Dan Partridge suggested using technology and communication to create more statewide connection on KAC legislative issues. Tim Norton and Sheila Biggs noted that some counties create their own legislative platform, usually late in the fall, and those counties' platform should be considered during discussions on the KAC legislative platform. Terry David suggested that KAC be proactive and send those counties a copy of the KAC platform so that the counties can review the KAC platform while planning their own.

There was discussion on using video updates and email blasts about Legislative Policy Committee meetings and proposals to the platform so that counties are on notice of issues and can react to them.

Melissa Wangemann also noted that she would be meeting with the Kansas Funeral Directors Association, along with commissioners Lonie Addis and Dudley Feuerborn, to

discuss the discontinuation of SRS funding for indigent burials. Also joining her for the meeting are Bob Lamkey and Tim Rohrig of Sedgwick County, and Shawn Leisinger of Shawnee County.

Randall Allen provided the Executive Director's Report, first noting that Trudy Rice is the newly appointed Ralph L. Tabor Extension Fellow to NACo. Randall Allen said that Valerie Brown (current NACo President) and Larry Naeke from NACo will be attending the KAC annual conference. Randall Allen explained the implementation of the new database, purchased from Avetra. Dennis Kriesel also added comments on the new database. Dennis Kriesel also explained KAC's role in creating a new regional accreditation program. Randall Allen noted that several affiliate and associate organizations are hosting their spring meetings and KAC staff members are attending those meetings.

The Board members exchanged information. Jim Emerson presented a report from the County Counselors Association of Kansas relating to bylaws changes proposed by the CCAK, which includes decoupling the CCAK annual conference from the KAC annual conference.

Dale Phillips explained that the Noxious Weeds Directors Association had a booth at the 3i conference. He noted that the Noxious Weed Departments are very busy this time of year and they appreciate the support they receive from other county officials.

Jack Frick explained his proposal on 911, which he believes would satisfy Senator Pat Apple's concerns about the lack of state oversight. He noted that the Legislative Policy Committee would discuss his idea at its first summer meeting.

Duane Patrick participated in a recent NACo teleconference that discussed the NACo drug card program, and he learned that the past NACo president was running a competitor drug card company.

Joe Connor noted that KALHD will hold its annual conference in June and the primary point is to host conversations with KDHE about follow-up to the H1N1 vaccinations.

J.R. McMahon noted the new CTP allows counties to exchange federal funds for state funds, and that KDOT will need to be pushed to follow through on this program. J.R. noted an article in the Government Technology magazine that discussed shared resources.

Sheila noted a visit in her county from Waste-Not Technologies relating to their recycling plant.

Dan Partridge noted that the state will make its match for emergency preparedness grants.

Mark Low said the Kansas Appraisers Association will host its annual conference in June, and much of the discussion will be focused on Orion. The association will also continue discussions on, and the push for, repeal of the sales tax exemptions.

Terry David noted that federal tax laws no longer require a person to pay taxes on EMS vehicles. He said that Representative Moran was instrumental in getting the change made, which goes into effect May 19, 2010. As of that date, public safety officer vehicles are exempt from taxation. Terry David was one of two KEMSA members who went to Washington D.C. to discuss two initiatives. KEMSA hosted a spring workshop geared towards educators and administrators.

John Miller noted recent discussions with Rob Mahoney about health care initiatives and shared a handout.

Michele Abbott noted counties might see an increase in EMP grants because part-time emergency management officials became eligible for funding. Michele also noted a provision in a bill increasing court costs, which allows for funding of county T1 connections. Michele returned to the issue of APCO becoming an affiliate member of KAC.

President Biggs noted that the next meeting will be July 9, 2010 and adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann

Michele Abbott, Secretary
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