

**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
GOVERNING BOARD**

Minutes of August 27, 2010 Meeting
Cloud County Courthouse
Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas

Attendance

Board Members Present: Michele **Abbott**, Marion County Emergency Management Director; Sheila **Biggs**, Dickinson County Commissioner; 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.

Board Members Absent: Joe **Connor**, Unified Government Health Department Administrator; Dick **Works**, Allen County Commissioner.

Others Present: Randall Allen, KAC Executive Director; Melissa Wangemann, KAC General Counsel.

Proceedings

Sheila Biggs called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Dale Engle, Chairman of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners, welcomed the Board to Cloud County.

Tim Norton moved to approve the agenda and the motion was seconded by Tom Wagner. The motion passed.

Terry David moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2010 meeting, and his motion was seconded by Mark Low. The motion passed.

Tom Wagner gave the report of bills and payroll for August 27, 2010. Tom Wagner moved approval of the report and Duane Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen explained the monthly financial reports for July, 2010. Randall Allen also explained the Summary of June and July Financials created by Dennis Kriesel, noting the

write-offs made during July, which reduced our income. Duane Patrick moved and Jim Emerson seconded a motion to accept the report and place it on file. The motion passed.

There was discussion about the 911 monies that cannot be distributed to PSAPs because of missing data. The consensus of the Board was that Dennis Kriesel and Melissa Wangemann would review the outstanding issue and provide a report at the October meeting. Tim Norton moved and Michele Abbott seconded a motion that KAC staff review the issue for resolution. If necessary, the KAC president would write a letter to the company and its third-party processor saying the company is impeding our ability to follow Kansas law, and we demand the data or will initiate legal action. Courtesy copies would be provided to the KAC Board and Governor's Office. The letter and possible lawsuit were deemed necessary to ensure that KAC has aggressively pursued this issue. Jack Frick suggested that the Governor's Office consider a civil penalty of 25%.

Duane Patrick gave the National Association of Counties report, talking about the annual conference in July in Reno, Nevada. He explained the discussions on cap and trade that occurred at the annual business meeting. Sheila Biggs talked about the keynote speaker, Robert Reich, and his presentation on the economy and also reviewed other presentations. Melissa Wangemann said she attended the health care programs, which were good presentations.

Melissa Wangemann provided the legislative report, explaining two news articles relating to home rule issues that may emerge during the 2011 session. She also explained the interim committee topics and the progress on updating the legislative platform. She talked about her conversation with Senator Jay Emler about 911 and the pipeline, and also conversations with Senator Pat Apple about 911.

Melissa Wangemann explained the request for an amicus brief to support the six counties who will oppose the Keystone pipeline exemption. Sheila Biggs further explained the issue. Jack Frick moved for KAC to prepare a brief at the appropriate time and Michele Abbott seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Melissa Wangemann explained that KAC had received an engagement letter from the CPA firm Summers, Spencer & Callison to conduct the 911 audit for the year ending June 2010. She noted that Kansas statute requires that KAC conduct an audit, and that the quoted fee remained the same as the previous year. Michele Abbott moved and Duane Patrick seconded a motion to authorize acceptance of the Summers, Spencer & Callison engagement letter to conduct the 911 wireless fee fund audit. The motion passed.

Randall Allen provided an overview of the 35th Annual Conference, noting the Saturday night board dinner. He discussed the preconference workshops, the various programs offered, and the keynote speakers. He passed out vendor information and asked Board members to help recruit vendors for the conference. He also suggested that we recognize three outgoing state cabinet members who have been helpful to KAC: Secretary Deb Miller (KDOT), Secretary Joan Wagnon (KDOR) and Secretary Roger

Werholtz (KDOC). JR McMahon moved and Tom Wagner seconded a motion to recognize the three secretaries at the annual conference. The motion passed.

Sheila Biggs will be appointing a nominations committee to select the 2011 officers, and the committee will meet after the September conference call meeting.

Randall Allen provided the Executive Director's report:

- He noted that Interhab was considering applying to be an affiliate member.
- He told the Board that he was asked to be on the State Broadband Committee, and is serving as the vice chairman.
- He said that the Board will review the budget at the October meeting.
- Randall said a lot of changes occurred among county officials during the primary election in August.
- Randall also suggested Sarah Meyer get a KAC credit card so that she is not using his for conference expenses or travel costs.

Michele Abbott moved and Jim Emerson seconded a motion to allow Randall Allen to secure a credit card for Sarah Meyer. The motion passed.

The board members participated in information sharing. Dan Partridge discussed the public health federal grant and asked Randall for information on it. Randall provided an update on the grant process. John Miller talked about the new health care reform law's effects on EBT. Michele Abbott noted KEMA's annual conference is occurring next month, and noted the recent disaster declaration from flooding. Duane Patrick noted a new permit for solid waste management in his county. Mark Low noted that a meeting occurs the following week between Kansas Department of Revenue personnel, county appraisers and gas producers to set the price of gas. Terry David commented on the KESMA annual meeting and complimented Tim Norton for his presentation at the meeting. Dale Phillips said the Weed Directors are working on their state fair booth and will be holding their meeting at the KAC annual conference. J.R. McMahon said that he, Norm and Melissa meet with KDOT and reached agreement on the appraisal issue for road right of way. Sheila Biggs said that KAC officers will be meeting with KCOA representatives at 1:00 p.m. today to discuss relationships between the two organizations.

Sheila Biggs noted that the next Board meeting is October 15 via conference call at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann

Michele Abbott, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board on October 15, 2010