

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of October 15, 2010 Meeting
Via Conference Call

Attendance

Board Members Present: Michele **Abbott**, Marion County Emergency Management Director; Sheila **Biggs**, Dickinson County Commissioner, President; Joe **Connor**, Unified Government Health Department Administrator; 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; and Dick **Works**, Allen County Commissioner.

Board Members Absent: Terry **David**, Rice County EMS Director; Tom **Wagner**, Atchison County Commissioner.

Others Present: Randall Allen, KAC Executive Director; Melissa Wangemann, KAC General Counsel; Dennis Kriesel, Senior Policy Analyst; Sarah Meyer, Education and Conference Planner.

Proceedings

Sheila Biggs called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Tim Norton moved to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2010 meeting, and his motion was seconded by Duane Patrick. The motion passed.

Randall Allen suggested that the Finance Committee meet in Lawrence to review the financial records on a date before the annual conference. There was no report of bills and payroll for October 15, 2010.

Randall Allen and Dennis Kriesel explained the monthly financial reports for August, 2010. Dennis Kriesel explained his memo outlining the August financials, noting that the net result was a positive net income. He explained the reasons for the positive results: receipt of secretariat agreement fees, receipt of KALHD's administrative fee, receipts from conference exhibitors and a gain in County Comment advertising. Duane Patrick moved and Jack Frick seconded a motion to accept the report and place it on file. The motion passed.

Sheila Biggs noted that Michele Abbott had resigned her KAC board position, along with the officer position of Secretary, due to her new job as a city employee - she is the new Hutchinson PSAP director. Randall Allen explained the nomination and appointment process. Sheila Biggs opened the floor for nominations. J.R. McMahon nominated Jack Frick as Secretary and he accepted the nomination. Duane Patrick seconded the

nomination. Mark Low moved that nominations cease and that the nomination be accepted by acclamation. J.R. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sheila Biggs appointed Joe Connor, Dale Phillips and Dick Works as the nominations committee to nominate the 2011 KAC officers. The committee will present the slate of officers on December 17, 2010.

Melissa Wangemann and Dennis Kriesel explained the resolution of the outstanding 911 data from one provider. At the August board meeting the Board has directed Melissa Wangemann to prepare a letter for the KAC president to sign, directed to the company and its third party processor, demanding the data or threatening a civil law suit. Melissa Wangemann explained that she drafted the demand letter and decided to make a phone call to the company. The person she contacted took the matter seriously, and said she would have the data to KAC within days, which they did. Dennis Kriesel processed the 15 months of data in under a week and KAC was able to distribute \$291,846 to PSAPs. **Dennis Kriesel noted that the amount represents over ½ of the monies that are in the account that could not be distributed.** The remaining amounts are old or from companies that are now bankrupt or no longer in business. Melissa Wangemann noted that J.R. McMahon suggested that KAC inform Senator Apple about how KAC resolved this issue (note—Melissa sent Apple an email after the meeting).

Randall Allen requested that the Board approve Resolution 2010-1 relating to the Local Road Engineer Program. Dale Phillips moved and Duane Patrick seconded the motion to approve the resolution. The motion passed.

Edie Snethen explained that KALHD was one of five states invited to Washington, D.C. to discuss accreditation because our state is a leader on cooperative approaches. During the visit they had face-to-face meetings with several Kansas congressional members. Senator Brownback said he would need to know that county commissioners support consolidation/regionalization of health care before he could support it. Thus, Randall Allen and Edie Snethen drafted a letter to Senator Brownback to encourage his support. Dan Partridge expressed concern that the letter was not shared with the KAC board members who are health department directors. Edie noted that the KALHD board is aware of the letter, and the issue really relates to county commissioners and not health directors. Joe Connor moved that they approve the letter and have Sheila Biggs sign it, which was seconded by Dan Partridge. The motion passed.

Melissa Wangemann provided a report on the meetings conducted by the Kansas Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations on local government financing. She also provided a report on activities during the interim legislative session, focusing on the budget committee, Corrections/Juvenile Justice Committee, the DUI Commission and the Tax Committee.

Sarah Meyer provided a report on the annual conference. Sarah noted that Foley Equipment provided the \$40,000 sponsorship as they did last year. Sarah said the vendor booths are sold out, and she has worked with the hotel to expand the room for additional booths so she can continue to take vendors. Sarah recommended that board members encourage others to attend the conference.

Randall Allen explained the budget draft to the Board. He started with a side-by-side analysis of the 2010 budget and the 2011 budget. He then explained the line-item summary of the 2011 proposed budget.

J.R. McMahon said we need to keep the legal intern for legislative work, no matter if CCAK no longer funded the position and KAC must take on the expense.

Jack Frick suggested we create a task force to review funding sources, especially caps on membership fees to pay for coverage during the legislative session. He expressed concerns about KAC's reliance on the LKM for coverage during the session.

Sheila Biggs asked about increasing conference calls to three instead of two. The consensus of the Board was that the conference calls work and they had no concerns about increasing the number of board meetings held by conference call.

Randall Allen provided the Executive Director's report. He explained the suggested changes to KAC employee health insurance. KAC is facing a premium increase of 40% under its current provider. He recommended a new plan with Coventry, explaining the differences between the current plan and the proposed plan. He also explained the need to change vision and dental insurance. A motion to authorize the Executive Director to pursue the new dental and vision insurance program was made by John Miller, seconded by Duane Patrick. The motion passed. A motion to authorize the Executive Director to pursue the new health insurance program was made by J.R. McMahon and seconded by Mark Low. The motion passed.

Randall moved on to a new item, the KAC audit conducted by Summers, Spencer & Callison, noting that the audit appears to be near completion.

The Board moved into information sharing. Sheila Biggs shared that she participated in the LKM annual conference by giving a welcome to their members. J.R. McMahon noted an announcement from KDOT about intermodal projects and federal funding. Dick Works mentioned that his county has a ballot question about building a new hospital. Michele Abbott thanked everyone for their friendship and mentoring during her tenure on the Board. John Miller, Mark Low, Dan Partridge and Dale Phillips had no comments. Tim Norton and Jack Frick thanked Michele Abbott for her involvement on the Board. Jack Frick noted an ad advertisement in Nebraska by the Keystone Pipeline.

Sheila Biggs noted the next meeting would be November 14, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel.

The meeting was adjourned at _____

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann

Jack Frick, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board on November 14, 2010