

**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
GOVERNING BOARD**

Minutes of February 18, 2011 Meeting
Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas

Attendance

Board Members Present: Ben **Bennett**, Geary County Commissioner; Sheila **Biggs**, Dickinson County Commissioner; Jim **Emerson**, Crawford County Counselor; Jack **Frick**, Scott County Commissioner; Mark **Low**, Finney County Appraiser; JR **McMahon** II, Miami County Director of Public Works; Richard **Malm**, Jefferson County Commissioner; 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; and Dick **Works**, Allen County Commissioner.

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

Board Members Absent: Bill **Guy**, Reno County Emergency Management Director; Tim **Norton**, Sedgwick County Commissioner; Marvin **Van Blaricon**, Clay County EMS Director.

Proceedings

President J.R. McMahon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. J.R. McMahon noted that the agenda would be amended to strike item 6 because the financial statement was not available, due to the need to approve an engagement letter with Mayer Hoffman McCann. Mark Low moved and Sheila Biggs seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the change. The motion passed.

Dan Partridge moved and Dick Works seconded a motion to adopt the January minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer Dick Works presented the bills and payrolls, which were reviewed prior to the Board meeting. Dick Works moved and Richard Malm seconded approval of the bills and payrolls for February 18, 2011. The motion passed.

Randall presented the 2011 Secretariat and Support Services Agreement and Partnership Agreement with the Kansas County Commissioners Association. Mark Low moved and Ben Bennett seconded a motion to approve the Secretariat Agreement and Partnership Agreement with KCCA. The motion passed.

Randall Allen presented the engagement letter from Mayer Hoffman McCann for the compilation of KAC's interim and annual financial statements for 2011. Dick Works moved to approve the engagement and authorize the necessary signatures. The motion

was seconded by Jack Frick, and the motion passed.

Boyd Orr, Meade County Commissioner, discussed with the Board his involvement in the Heartland Alliance for Regional Transmission (HART). He focused his comments on the availability of transmission lines, and their importance in completing the process of implementing wind energy.

Mark Lawlor, Director of Development for Clean Line Energy Partners, followed up with remarks on the development of high-voltage transmission lines and answered questions from the Board.

President J.R. McMahon gave a report from his Initiative Steering Committee. He noted that the steering committee had held two meetings and is ready to present their thoughts to the full Board. J.R. recognized the members as John Miller, Jack Frick, Tim Norton, Jim Emerson and himself. Committee had asked Randall for suggestions on staffing, and he suggested two positions, one a lobbyist position and the other a communications specialist. J.R. McMahon added his thoughts on the proposal, noting that the legislative program needs to have more people at the Capitol. Dick Works asked if the two positions could be combined, and the consensus from KAC staff was that the two positions could be combined. Following the conversation about the staff recommendations, the discussion turned to the level of dues to fund it. J.R. McMahon mentioned the possibility of discussing increased dues at the KCCA meeting in May, and alerting the KCCA Executive Board ahead of time.

Melissa Wangemann provided the legislative report, noting the priority issues and other bills that KAC is working. She also recapped County Government Day.

Randall Allen provided the Executive Director's report. He noted that five counties have not paid their 2011 dues. He discussed upcoming district/regional meetings and also the Introduction to the Commissioner's Job educational program that occurred earlier in the month. Randall noted that Sarah Meyer would be back in the office in March and that Melissa Wangemann was taking up a contribution for a gift.

Board members shared news about their counties and their affiliate and associate organizations.

Richard Malm moved and Mark Low seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann

Jim Emerson, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board on March 25, 2011