

**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
GOVERNING BOARD**

Minutes of July 8, 2011 Meeting
Via Conference Call

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; Kerry **McCue**, Ellis County EMS Director; JR **McMahon** II, Miami County Director of Public Works; Richard **Malm**, Jefferson County Commissioner; John **Miller**, Norton County Commissioner; Tim **Norton**, Sedgwick County Commissioner; 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 and Dan **Partridge**, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Administrator.

Proceedings

President J.R. McMahon called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. He welcomed Kerry McCue, Ellis County EMS Director as the new KEMSA representative.

Dick Works moved and Duane Patrick seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Randall Allen explained the report of bills and payrolls, noting that the Finance Committee will review the report at the August board meeting in Kiowa County.

Dennis Kriesel explained the monthly financial report for May 2011, noting the income streams for KCGI (Education) and the Road Engineer program. Ben Bennett made a motion to approve the financial report and Mark Low seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President McMahon gave the President's Report. He discussed the Resource Committee's recommendations on additional staffing and noted that a letter had gone out to all counties. Duane Patrick said his commissioners were concerned about raising dues and Dick Works noted that he had not heard any concerns in Southeast Kansas. Ben Bennett said his commission supported more help at the statehouse. There was some discussion about valuation being up in counties, especially those with oil interests.

President McMahon moved into the discussion about the LCPA appointment. Melissa Wangemann and Randall Allen briefed the Board about their conversations with the legislators who sit on the Legislative Coordinating Council - the entity that will advise and consent to the appointment of the LCPA.

J.R. McMahon noted that he, John Miller, Jack Frick and Tim Norton would sit down and discuss the LCPA issue with three LKM board members on July 14, and asked if the Board could have a special board meeting to finalize a decision on the LCPA issue following that meeting. The Board agreed by consensus to follow this process in order to make a decision on the LCPA.

J.R. McMahon moved onto the topic of the County Clerks and Election Officials Association's possible membership with the KAC. Randall Allen informed the Board that KCCEOA voted at its May meeting to leave the Kansas County Officials Association. They will decide at their fall meeting whether to join KAC.

J.R. McMahon said he and Randall Allen visited Bourbon County. Bourbon County lost a major business in the community, which has affected employment in the area and the finances of the county. Bourbon County is holding off on replacing and fixing equipment needed for public works projects, and they are not sure how long they can hold off these purchases.

J.R. McMahon said he would start assembling a nominations committee and asked that board members with an interest in serving on the committee contact him or Randall Allen.

Randall Allen presented the engagement letter from Summers, Spencer and Callison for the 2010 audit. The price of the audit increased to \$8,800. Tim Norton moved and Duane Patrick seconded a motion to authorize Randall Allen to enter into the contract with Summers, Spencer and to authorize the president to sign the contract.

Randall Allen presented a lease agreement with the Information Network of Kansas for approval by the Board. INK would lease at least one office from KAC for its executive director Jim Hollingsworth. Duane Patrick moved and Tim Norton seconded a motion to approve the lease. The motion passed.

Randall Allen and Sarah Meyer discussed the theme of the 36th Annual Conference, which is "The New Normal."

Melissa Wangemann provided the legislative report. She noted that the redistricting committee will have public meetings throughout the state from July through October. She also noted the interim committee topics to be discussed by legislators during the summer and fall.

Randall Allen provided the Executive Director's report. Randall Allen noted that Duane Patrick kept his seat as the NACO representative as no one filed against him. He noted that the NACO annual conference was July 16-20 at Portland, Oregon. He said that

KAC would have a caucus and a reception co-sponsored by Nationwide. KDOT has agreed to pledge monies to the Local Road Engineer program and the transit pilot projects. Lastly, Randall Allen noted that the KDHE Solid Waste Department held meetings to discuss tipping fees.

Sheila Biggs asked if there was any new development on the Governor's decision to prevent development of wind farms in the flint hills region. Melissa Wangemann said Cowley County Administrator Leroy Alsup, who had initially contacted her about the issue, had left Cowley County. She understood from him that the affected counties were going to meet on the matter and would invite her to participate. She had not heard anything further from the counties.

J.R. McMahon moved onto the information sharing portion of the meeting. Sheila noted that Marilyn Nichols, Shawnee County Register of Deeds, would like to discuss the technology fund at the annual conference. Mark Low said the Governor cut the COTA budget by 48% and as a result, COTA would be charging higher fees to fund their operations. For example, the fee for an economic development exemption would rise from \$500 to \$7,000. Jack Frick noted that Scott City was recognized as an all-American city.

Randall Allen also noted that the next in-person meeting would be in Greensburg, Kiowa County, August 25-26.

Duane Patrick moved and Mark Low seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann

Jim Emerson, Secretary

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