

**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
GOVERNING BOARD**

Corrected Minutes of January 17, 2012 Meeting
Topeka-Shawnee County Library
Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas

Attendance

Board Members Present: Gary **Baker**, Stevens County Commissioner; Ben **Bennett**, Geary County Commissioner; Gene **Bryan**, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas; Jim **Emerson**, Crawford County Counselor; Bill **Guy**, Reno County Emergency Management Director; Kerry **McCue**, Ellis County EMS Director; J.R. **McMahon** II, Miami County Director of Public Works; Richard **Malm**, Jefferson County Commissioner; John **Miller**, Norton County Commissioner; Tim **Norton**, Sedgwick County Commissioner, President; and Duane **Patrick**, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo representative).

Board Members Absent: Marvin **Beesley**, Gove County Noxious Weed Director; Dan **Partridge**, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Administrator; Kimberly **Skillman-Robrahn**, Coffey County Commissioner.

Others Present: Randall Allen, KAC Executive Director; Melissa Wangemann, KAC General Counsel; Nathan Eberline, Associate Counsel; and Dennis Kriesel, KAC Senior Analyst.

Proceedings

President Tim Norton called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. He called for any additions or correction to the agenda; there were no changes presented, and Tim Norton moved and Duane Patrick seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

President Norton called for a motion to approve the December 16th and 22nd minutes. Bill Guy requested a correction to the December 16, 2011 minutes showing that Dan Partridge was appointed to the finance committee, not Bill Guy. Melissa Wangemann noted that she would make the amendment. Gene Bryan moved and Kerry McCue seconded a motion to approve both sets of minutes, with an amendment to the Decemeber 16th minutes. The motion passed.

Richard Malm presented the bills and payroll and moved to approve the bills and payroll for January 17, 2012. Jim Emerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dennis Kriesel reviewed the monthly financial report for November, 2011. Tim Norton asked specific questions about the financials with regard to net income. Duane Patrick

moved and Bill Guy seconded a motion to receive and file the financial report. The motion passed.

Melissa Wangemann presented the secretariat agreement on behalf of the County Counselors Association of Kansas for the approval of the Board. Jim Emerson moved approval of the agreement and Richard Malm seconded it. The motion passed.

Randall Allen, Melissa Wangemann and Nathan Eberline presented the legislative report. Nathan Eberline discussed the Governor's tax plan. Melissa Wangemann discussed the Governor's Budget. Randall Allen discussed County Government Day occurring later that day.

President Norton gave his President's Report. He discussed the trip he and Randall Allen made the week before to Washington, D.C. He heard four legislative reports from NACo: agriculture, health, transportation and housing. He discussed the news that the USDA was closing offices in Kansas. Randall Allen added comments about the streamlined sales tax discussion at NACo. President Norton discussed the two federal bills relating to the streamlined sales tax.

President Norton discussed his seven issues for 2012: branding; stature and presence in the state; legislative advocacy; relationship with LKM; 911 implementation; public health initiative; and communications. These will be his presidential initiatives for the coming year.

President Norton said that the KAC and LKM presidents, executive directors and legislative chairs would get together to discuss legislative issues that affect local government. He discussed the January County Comment and his pledge to do a monthly column.

Randall Allen gave his executive director's report. He explained that he hired a new administrative assistant to replace Blair Paxson who started as our administrative assistant but left for a full-time position with another association. Dana Wethington will start Monday, January 23. Randall Allen asked Melissa Wangemann to discuss 911 implementation and she explained the tasks being handled by her and Dennis Kriesel, and her concern that the expectations of the 911 Coordinating Council were expanding beyond the contractual provisions. Randall Allen noted that KCCA would be approving a secretariat agreement with KAC, which would be presented to the KAC Governing Board at the next meeting. He also discussed his experience at the NACo meeting last week in Washington, D.C.

Randall Allen discussed the NACo prescription drug program, which now requires a marketing agreement between NACo and the state association of counties. Gary Baker moved that KAC participate in the agreement and Duane Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The members of the governing board shared information about their county and/or affiliate association. Bill Guy noted that KEMSA was watching the development of the KDOT digital network system, which has seen a 50% reduction in funding. Gene Bryan noted the relationship between appraisers and the PVD director and talked about changes to the rules that govern appraisers. John Miller noted the similarities between the Kancare Medicaid contract and the EBT program that KAC once proposed. Gary Baker said Stevens County was opening new nursing home using some new concepts and designs. Gary said six counties in his area put up \$5m to match KDOT's infusion of \$5m, plus the railroad company also put up \$5m to make repairs to the rail line following a fire that damaged it. The rail line is now in operation.

Richard Malm noted that his county is deciding whether to allow sand dredging in his county. The county does plan to require a permit and fee to cover the repairs necessary to the roads.

Kerry McCue said KEMSA would be watching legislation and will be working with other counties with transition issues.

Ben Bennett noted that Geary County had a list of issues affecting them. He said their growth pattern was causing problems. He was not sure how federal cuts to military will affect his county.

J.R. McMahon discussed fracture critical management review and bridge repairs and the potential for bridge closures in many counties that cannot afford the repairs.

Duane Patrick talked about the upcoming NACo board meeting.

Tim Norton noted the loss of Boeing from his community. He said his county was discussing how to diversify and attract new aerospace programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes by Melissa Wangemann

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