

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes of June 21, 2012
Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas

Attendance

Board Members Present: Gary **Baker**, Stevens County Commissioner; Marvin **Beesley**, Gove County Noxious Weed Director; Ben **Bennett**, Geary County Commissioner; Gene **Bryan**, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas; Jim **Emerson**, Crawford County Counselor; 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; Duane **Patrick**, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo Representative); Dan **Partridge**, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Administrator; Kimberly **Skillman-Robrah**n, Coffey County Commissioner.

Board Members Absent: Bill **Guy**, Reno County Emergency Management Director.

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

Proceedings

President Tim Norton called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Tim Norton asked to amend the agenda to add Jason White to speak to the issue of ambulance provider fees. Duane Patrick moved to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Gene Bryan. The motion passed.

Tim Norton called on Chris Courtwright, Principal Economist with the Kansas Legislative Research Department. Chris Courtwright outlined the new tax bill, calling it "income tax reform and restructuring." He noted that the bill that actually passed was not the Governor's and the Governor's proposal actually had a smaller fiscal impact. The governor cut taxes in his bill, but also cut exemptions and credits and continued the sales tax. Chris noted that the senate version of the tax bill was never supposed to pass - everyone knew it took the state under water. Credits that are repealed apply to individuals only, not corporations. Chris reviewed a power point presentation that explains the history of taxation in the state, the new law and the budget analysis. Chris also answered questions from the board about the new tax plan.

Tim Norton called on Jason White, who works with MARC and the Kansas EMS Association to present an issue of concern to KEMSA. The concern is the federal reimbursement allowance for ambulance services. Jason noted that states have the

ability to increase their federal funding by implementing a provider tax, which is used to leverage against federal funding. Missouri currently has the only provider tax program at the moment. Jason is reviewing whether the federal funding and state funding programs would work in Kansas. If the model would work, counties would have to consider the bureaucracy of administering the program. Legislation would need to be introduced to create a provider fee.

The board adjourned for lunch at 11:45 a.m. The board returned to its meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Randall Allen and Melissa Wangemann provided reflections and a debriefing of the 2012 legislative session. Randall Allen discussed the machinery and equipment legislation and Melissa outlined the new KPERS bill and other bills affecting counties. Randall Allen also discussed the legislation eliminating the Kansas Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations (KACIR) and said KAC, LKM and the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) would work together to staff KACIR going forward. The Board suggested that KAC staff draw up an aggressive plan on how to handle the M&E bill, assuming it returns in 2013. Randall Allen suggested that KAC staff meet and draw up a plan to present at the July meeting. Tim Norton suggested pre-emptive strikes to educate new legislators in the fall on county issues.

Melissa Wangemann provided the report on the status of the Local Collection Point Administrator (LCPA) contract with the 911 Coordinating Council. She noted the amounts of 911 fees that have been distributed and the problems with telecommunication providers sending data. She also outlined the duties of the LCPA as staff to the 911 Coordinating Council. Board members asked about the level of work assigned to KAC members and Tim Norton suggested more discussion on who can handle minute taking at meetings during the legislative session.

Melissa Wangemann discussed the engagement letter received by KAC from Summers, Spencer and Company relating to the next 911 audit, which would cover the time span of July 1, 2011 to March 30, 2012 and would close out the relationship between the KAC and LKM as the LCPA under the old 911 law. Richard Malm moved and Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen gave his Executive Director's Report. He discussed the scholarship awarded to Tyler Paulson, the recipient chosen by Rod Broberg (who received the State Official Award last November). Randall Allen also noted that the Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association will be returning to the KAC, which requires finalization during the KAC annual conference. Randall Allen requested a motion to send Sarah Meyer, Melissa Wangemann, Tim Norton and Duane Patrick to the NACo Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. Marvin Beesley moved to approve the expenditure and Dan Partridge seconded the motion, and the motion passed. He also requested a

motion to approve his travel to the ASAE conference in August. Marvin Beesley moved and Duane Patrick seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed.

Tim Norton gave the President's Report. He discussed the clerks return to the KAC and suggested the Register of Deeds may be considering a return to our association. Tim Norton discussed his six points, noting the good job done on legislation. He discussed improvement on the relationship with the LKM and increased communication with members. He also said that he wanted to discuss the rebranding of KAC. J.R. McMahon suggested that Sheila Biggs be given credit for starting the conversation with the clerks and perhaps she could make the motion at the annual conference to approve their membership.

Duane Patrick moved and Gene Bryan seconded a motion to approve the March 30, 2012 minutes with a correction on the first page. Gene Bryan was to prepare a white paper on the VIPS program, not the M&E legislation.

Dan Partridge provided the report of bills and payroll for June 21, 2012. Dan Partridge moved approval of the finance report, with a second from Gary Baker. The motion passed.

Dennis Kriesel provided an overview of the monthly financial report for March, 2012. He noted that income-generating items start coming in during the summer. Duane Patrick moved and Dan Partridge seconded a motion to receive the financial report and place it on file. The motion passed.

President Norton moved to information sharing and each member of the board expressed their concerns relating to their jurisdiction or affiliate group. John Miller noted the increased educational requirements for EMTs. J.R. McMahon commented on the KCHA annual meeting and noted that the new KDOT Secretary was present. Dan Partridge commented on the KALHD annual meeting and the issues of KanCare and the health information exchange, which were concerns to the health departments. He said he appreciate Sarah Meyer's presence at their meeting. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn said southeast Kansas continues to work on Project 17. She said the redistricting of legislative seats has really stirred up discussions in her area of Kansas. Jim Emerson noted that the CCAK would have its CLE the following day in Salina. Ben Bennett said he had taught government for years but learned so much more from observing the state legislature this last year. He noted the legislation relating to private property on military bases, and the rapidity of the legislation. Gene Bryan noted that a new, large issue looming for county budgets, which is the CAMA system. Gene Bryan said that outside appraisals are necessary to ensure accurate appraisals and these appraisals can significantly affect the county budget. Richard Malm noted that he had a new grandchild. Gary Baker said that the Hugoton oil field was maturing and the county was losing value. He discussed the new nursing home in his area, noting it is one-of-a-kind

in terms of style and methodology. He also said Hugoton was getting a dairy and cheese production plant. Tim Norton said he would like to hold the August meeting in Northwest Kansas, possibly Hays.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann

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