

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes of July 20, 2012
Via conference call

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; Kerry **McCue**, Ellis County EMS Director; J.R. **McMahon** II, Miami County Director of Public Works; Richard **Malm**, Jefferson County Commissioner; Tim **Norton**, Sedgwick County Commissioner, President; and Kimberly **Skillman-Robrahn**, Coffey County Commissioner.

Board Members Absent: Jim **Emerson**, Crawford County Counselor; Bill **Guy**, Reno County Emergency Management Director; John **Miller**, Norton County Commissioner; Dan **Partridge**, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Administrator and Duane **Patrick**, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo Representative).

KAC Staff Present: Randall Allen, Executive Director; Nathan Eberline, Associate Counsel; Dennis Kriesel, Senior Policy Analyst; Sarah Meyer, Education/Conference Coordinator; Melissa Wangemann, General Counsel.

Proceedings

President Tim Norton called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Gary Baker moved and Marvin Beesley seconded a motion to approve the June 21, 2012 minutes. The motion passed.

Melissa Wangemann revisited the issue of the 911 audit, which was discussed in June. She referenced a new engagement letter received by KAC from Summers, Spencer and Company relating to the next 911 audit. The amended proposal would extend the time span of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 instead of March 30, 2012. CPA Brenda Flanagan recommended that the auditors review the entire year and then bifurcate the fiscal year into two sections; one detailing the audit when both the KAC and the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) were the Local Collection Point Administrator (LCPA) and then the latter half of the year when KAC was the solo LCPA. Brenda Flanagan determined that interviewing Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) about an incomplete fiscal year could be confusing. Kerry McCue moved and Richard Malm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen requested that the Board approve an engagement letter with Summers, Spencer and Callison, CPAs, to conduct the KAC audit for calendar year ending December 2011. Gene Bryan moved to approve the engagement letter and the motion was seconded by Ben Bennett. The motion passed.

Tim Norton, Melissa Wangemann and Sarah Meyer discussed their experiences at the NACo annual conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which ended a few days earlier. Both President Norton and Melissa Wangemann noted that Justice Sandra Day O'Connor spoke about her new interactive program, "I-Civics" which teaches government and civics to children. The program includes a lesson on county government. President Norton noted that he had received phone calls from Boy Scout troops after mentioning the I-Civics program and he learned that the Boy Scouts can use the I-Civics program to obtain merit badges.

Randall Allen gave his Executive Director's Report. He first discussed the plan to formulate the KAC's legislative policy statement. He noted that KAC will have a study group review the machinery/equipment property tax issue August 17 at 10 am. Legislative requests are due August 31; the first legislative policy committee meeting will be September 13; the second legislative policy committee meeting will be September 28. A third meeting, perhaps a conference call, will be scheduled if needed. Randall Allen moved onto the issue of the 2012 annual conference. He suggested a keynote speaker for the conference, Donna Zajonc, who is with the Bainbridge Leadership Center. Randall Allen reviewed the conference schedule with the Board. J.R. McMahon moved to approve a contract with Donna Zajonc, which was seconded by Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn. The motion passed. Randall Allen noted that he and Don Moler of the League of Kansas Municipalities discussed how to staff the Kansas Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations (formerly staffed by the Department of Revenue), and Randall will present a proposal on KACIR to the Board in August.

Randall Allen called on Board members to participate in the information exchange and each board member shared news from their communities; many mentioned the election activity that was occurring back home.

President Norton returned to his list of initiatives. He noted that he continues to communicate to members by writing a column in each month's County Comment. He said the health initiative is moving forward. He also noted that all KAC members need to be engaged in the upcoming legislative session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann

Minutes approved by the Board on August 24, 2012