

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of August 24, 2012

Hays, Ellis County, Kansas

Attendance

Board Members Present: Marvin **Beesley**, Gove County Noxious Weed Director; Ben **Bennett**, Geary County Commissioner; Gene **Bryan**, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City; 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; Tim **Norton**, Sedgwick County Commissioner, President; Dan **Partridge**, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Administrator; Duane **Patrick**, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo Representative) and Kimberly **Skillman-Robrahn**, Coffey County Commissioner.

Board Members Absent: Gary **Baker**, Stevens County Commissioner; John **Miller**, Norton County Commissioner.

KAC Staff Present: Randall Allen, Executive Director; Nathan Eberline, Associate Counsel; Melissa Wangemann, General Counsel.

Proceedings

President Tim Norton called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Kerry McCue welcomed the board members to Ellis County.

Duane Patrick moved to approve the agenda and Bill Guy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Marvin Beesley moved and Gene Bryan seconded a motion to approve the July 20, 2012 minutes. The motion passed.

Dan Partridge moved to approve the bills and payroll for August 24, 2012. Kimberly Skillman Robrahn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Randall Allen reviewed the monthly financial report for July, 2012 with the Board. J.R. McMahon asked about time dedicated to 911 and Melissa Wangemann explained the level of time she is dedicating to 911. Bill Guy and Duane Patrick seconded a motion to approve and file the monthly financial report.

Nathan Eberline gave an overview of two cases that the County Counselors Association has recommended to the Governing Board for filing amicus briefs. Jim Emerson moved

and Dan Partridge seconded a motion to approve filing of two amicus briefs. The motion passed.

Melissa Wangemann provided the legislative report, talking about the study meeting last Friday relating to the machinery and equipment legislation. Tim Norton asked Gene Bryan to comment on possible impact to counties and Gene Bryan explained possible impacts, noting that a real accurate fiscal cost is difficult to calculate. Gene Bryan also noted that the machinery/equipment tax exemption affects the state property tax too, and the fee on motor vehicles. The average tax levy determines the motor vehicle fee and therefore with an increased tax levy, the motor vehicle fee will increase (with a two-year lag). Richard Malm asked about Farm Bureau's position and Melissa Wangemann explained that they supported the legislation, and Kimberly Skillman Robrahn noted she had learned that their position is based on fear that their affixed property will be re-assessed as real property. Kerry McCue suggested a method of negotiating a position with Farm Bureau.

Melissa Wangemann reviewed the interim legislative committees, noting the studies on mentally-ill prisoners, election ballots, LEPP and the definition of "real property" for taxation purposes.

Randall Allen provided a review of the 37th annual conference. He discussed the board's agenda for the conference and hotel arrangements for board members. He noted Jan Hargrave would be a speaker at the conference; Jan Hargrave is a frequent speaker at NACo. He noted that the clerks will be participating in the conference. He is still awaiting a formal letter from them requesting membership, however. Beginning in December, the clerks will have a seat on the KAC Governing Board.

Randall Allen reviewed his request for travel authorization for out-of-state travel for KAC staff. Marvin Beesley moved and Jim Emerson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Randall Allen explained the Governing Board succession for the 2013 year, noting those members who would be departing from the Board.

Tim Norton said he would appoint a nominating committee and they would get started on nominees for the KAC officers.

Randall Allen gave his Executive Director's Report. He first noted that Jeff Arnold with NACo passed away the day before. Randall Allen discussed his participation in the ASAE annual conference, noting the "less is more" presentation that he attended at the conference. Based on this presentation, he said he would conduct a survey of board members and discuss the essential functions of KAC at the October meeting. He also discussed the statehouse visitors' center, asking the KAC Board to adopt the project of fundraising for the floor map. Kerry McCue asked if the floor map project would be

discussed at the annual conference, and Randall Allen said it would. Kimberly Skillman Robrahn offered to help with the project. J.R. McMahon moved to have the executive director develop a plan for the visitors' center county floor map, which was seconded by Kerry McCue. The motion passed.

Randall noted that the lease with Information Network of Kansas expired in July and a new lease has been prepared and signed between KAC and INK. Dan Partridge moved and Bill Guy seconded a motion to approve the lease.

Lastly Randall Allen discussed the Kansas Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations. He reminded the Board that LKM and KAC helped establish the KACIR, which facilitates conversations between local government officials and state officials. Randall Allen said that he and Melissa Wangemann met with Don Moler and Sandy Jacquot of the League of Kansas Municipalities and Willis Heck, the chair of the KACIR. Randall Allen suggested - if the Governor introduces his bill to repeal the law authorizing KACIR - KAC remain neutral on the legislation and allow the council to die. The consensus of the board was to let the KACIR dissolve.

The Board recessed to get a box lunch at 12:00 p.m. The Board resumed its meeting at 12:15 p.m. President Norton introduced Walt Hill, of High Plains Mental Health Center. Walt Hill explained the role of mental health centers and their relationship with counties. President Norton asked about the KanCare program and Walt Hill discussed the latest development on the state bid to privatize medical care.

President Norton reviewed his presidential initiatives. He noted that KAC had healed its relationship with LKM. He noted that training got pushed back because of the hectic 2012 session. He said the health initiative was moving along with upcoming meetings. President Norton noted the time effort put forward on 911 and the success of the program. He also discussed the success of the 2012 legislative program. President Norton noted the increased communication this last year, during the legislative session and via the County Comment.

President Norton called on board members to share information and the members shared comments from back home and their affiliate groups. President Norton also confirmed that the next board meeting will be October 5.

Ben Bennett moved to recess for executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel for fifteen minutes starting at 1:25 pm. The Board returned at 1:41 p.m. No action was taken and the meeting was adjourned immediately following the reassembly.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann