KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes of July 12, 2013 Meeting
Conference Call Format

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Marvin Beesley, Gove County Noxious Weed Director; Bob Boaldin, Morton County Commissioner; Gene Bryan, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City Appraiser; Lon Buller, Harvey County Emergency Management Director; Jim Emerson, Crawford County Counselor, President; Kerry McCue, Ellis County EMS Director; Stan McEvoy, Decatur County Commissioner; Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner; Tim Norton, Sedgwick County Commissioner; Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn, Coffey County Commissioner; Glen Tyson, Osage County Road Director; Ben Bennett, Geary County Commissioner; and Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Clerk.

Board Members Absent: Dan Partridge, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Administrator; Duane Patrick, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo Representative).

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

**Proceedings**

President Jim Emerson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call of members was taken by the Executive Director.

Stan McEvoy moved, seconded by Donna Zimmerman, to approve the May 16, 2013 minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

Randall Allen and President Emerson summarized the board retreat held in Wichita on June 25-26, 2013. Two matters were discussed in greater detail, i.e. the advisability of conducting a member survey to gain member feedback about the KAC and its benefit to counties; and the prospect of scheduling one program (other than legislative) on each board meeting agenda for greater examination by the board, to the end that all KAC programs are reviewed periodically and the board knows about the full extent of our programs. There was brief discussion but no action was taken.

Randall advised the board on the status of the Kansas Statehouse County Map project. He explained that the board committee formed to assist in marketing the project had met, and on that basis, staff had mailed letters and brochures to all county commissioners, clerks, and administrators/managers asking for participation. So far, three counties (Barton, Lincoln, and Sheridan) have indicated their intention to not participate. Otherwise, the KAC is receiving forms with designated points of contact back, and actual monetary
remittances are also being received. Randall said that he hoped that the project could be wrapped up in October, ahead of the opening of the new Statehouse entrance in December in time for the 2014 legislative session.

Dennis Kriesel briefed the board on recent actions of the KAC’s Employee Benefits Trust Board, including termination of the exclusive agreement with the Haake Benefits Company and approval of a new exclusive agreement with the Bukaty Group. He summarized some of the background work underway to send letters to county commissioners, clerks, HR directors, and administrators/ managers to explain the KAC’s new relationship with Bukaty, to hopefully encourage counties to explore various benefit options (including a lower cost group dental insurance option through Delta Dental of Kansas).

The Executive Director gave his report on various programs and projects. He said that July 26 is the deadline for legislative requests from members as well as for the affiliate organizations to nominate persons to serve as the 8th member of the Legislative Policy Committee. The Policy Committee will meet on August 2 and September 13 at the KAC office in Topeka.

Randall further advised the board of an upcoming process to solicit the names of persons interested in serving as our NACo Board representative for the two-year term of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015. He said that the Bylaws amendment approved a couple years ago allow Commissioner Duane Patrick, current NACo Representative, to run for a third, two-year term, and that Duane has indicated that he will run and would like to continue serving. Randall will send letters to the 61 NACo member counties asking them, if they wish, to nominate persons for the position. After nominations are received, a ballot will be mailed to the member counties for them to vote.

The Public Health project (“Engaging County Commissioners...”) is moving along, as more of the regional workshops are held. Randall said that participation has been good, and that individual, personal contacts are key to encouraging county commissioners to come and be part of the conversation. More workshops are scheduled before October 31, which is the end of the contract period with the Kansas Health Foundation.

Randall indicated that the 9-1-1 website is up and running, thereby satisfying our contractual obligation with the 911 Coordinating Council. The KAC’s new website is in development, and moving along at a slower pace because it is a much larger project. He said that Sarah Meyer, Conference Planner, will return from maternity leave next Monday, July 15, which will enable annual conference planning to move forward.

Randall requested authorization for travel for Sarah Meyer to attend the ASAE Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in August, and for Melissa Wangemann and Nathan Eberline to attend the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) conference in San Francisco, California in early October. This travel was anticipated in the adopted 2013 KAC budget. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn moved, seconded by Glen Tyson, to authorize
the out of state travel expenses as requested. The motion passed.

President Jim Emerson advised board members that he would be bringing two topics to the board for action at the August 23, 2013 meeting in Pittsburg/Crawford County. One is consideration and approval of a new employment agreement between the Association and Executive Director Allen. He said he would be sending it out to board members (confidentially) in advance of the August 23 meeting. The second topic is to form a Programs and Services Committee, in follow-up to the discussion at the KAC Board Retreat in Wichita. He said that he was working on some events for an interesting Thursday evening in Pittsburg prior to the Friday board meeting, and hoped that everyone can come.

Various board members provided information about activities in their counties/affiliate organizations/or regions. Richard Malm reported that he intended to participate in a meeting in Leavenworth hosted by Leavenworth County Commissioners on August 6, at which time a good time of information sharing is envisioned. Bob Boaldin said that Morton County is trying to keep the lesser prairie chicken from interfering with the counties’ needs to move forward on projects. Kerry McCue reported that KEMSA will be holding its annual conference in Wichita in August. Donna Zimmerman said that she and other clerks are “knee-deep” in budget preparation and she has additional responsibilities around converting Barton County’s financial systems. Glen Tyson said that he is busy overseeing the construction of 14 new bridges in Osage County this summer, and the KCHA Board will be meeting on July 23, 2013. Various board members reported on their counties’ participation in the Statehouse County Map project, and fund raising activities related thereto.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Randall Allen.