KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes of May 16, 2013
Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas

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; Bill Guy, Reno County Emergency Management Director; Kerry McCue, Ellis County EMS Director; Stan McEvoy, Decatur County Commissioner; Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner; Tim Norton, Sedgwick County Commissioner; Dan Partridge, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Administrator; Duane Patrick, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo Representative); Kimberly Skillman-Robrahm, Coffey County Commissioner; Glen Tyson, Osage County Road Director; and Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Clerk.

Board Members Absent: Ben Bennett, Geary County Commissioner.

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

Proceedings

President Jim Emerson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He requested an executive session of 10-15 minutes under the President’s Report, and Tim Norton moved -- with a second by Gene Bryan - that the agenda be approved with that amendment. The motion passed.

Lon Buller noted a typo on his name in the March minutes. With that amendment, Gene Bryan moved and Duane Patrick seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Dan Partridge presented the monthly bills and payrolls for May 15, 2013. Dan Partridge noted a typo that was corrected. Duane Patrick moved and Stan McEvoy seconded a motion to approve the monthly bills and payroll, and the motion passed.

Randall Allen and Melissa Wangemann presented the legislative report. Randall and Melissa discussed the budget and the tax bill. Melissa Wangemann also discussed other bills that could still be passed by insertion in a conference committee report, such as the property tax transparency act and decreased motor vehicle property taxes. Randall and Melissa discussed the fixtures legislation. Tim Norton noted that the anti-lobbying legislation would likely return the following year.
Randall Allen gave his Executive Director’s report. Randall provided a status report on the public health project in conjunction with the Kansas Health Foundation. Randall has been encouraging county commissioner to attend, and not just county health officials. Randall Allen reviewed the program and attendance at the Kansas County Commissioners Association’s annual conference, which was held in Wichita in early May. Several board members commented on the program and attendance at the KCCA conference. (Melissa stepped out so RA needs to fill in here) Randall Allen referred his part of the report relating to the new website to Dennis Kriesel. Dennis explained that the 911 Coordinating Council wanted its own website that is not connected to the KAC website and that requirement is part of the LCPA contract. He expects that website to be live in June.

Randall Allen discussed an RFP for audit of the KAC’s financial statements. He noted it was time to start the engagement process for an audit firm. He recommended that the KAC issue an RFP this year to several CPA firms, excluding the current auditor Summers, Spencer & Company, in order to have “fresh eyes” handle the audit. Dan Partridge expressed his strong support for the idea of a new CPA firm to conduct the audit. Stan McEvoy moved and Marvin Beesley seconded a motion to issue an RFP for a new audit firm. The motion passed.

Randall Allen moved onto the issue of the LCPA contract. He noted that the contract runs 2012-2014; however the Council can extend the contract one year, by statute. He noted that the contract has two parts: financial services and staffing services, and explained the roles of both parts. Kimberly Skillman Robrahn moved to pursue the 3rd year of the LCPA contract with the contractual amount recommended by Randall Allen. The motion passed.

Randall Allen discussed the county map project. The Statehouse will have a new floor map of the Kansas counties in the Visitors’ Center. He noted the estimated cost would be $105,000, which would be $1,000 per county. Some counties will just write a check and some will have fundraisers to raise the funds. A committee will work on how to market this program. President Jim Emerson asked for board volunteers to work on the Statehouse map project. The following persons volunteered and are to be considered appointed: Richard Malm, Glen Tyson, Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn, Bob Boaldin, Tim Norton, and Jim Emerson.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:05 pm. They returned at 12:37 pm.

Randall Allen returned to his Executive Director’s report. He noted that our two interns left their positions: Noah Dumpert, the law clerk, and Sarah Brummett, the event intern. Sarah Meyer is on maternity leave through the summer.

President Emerson gave his President’s Report. He asked for an executive session of 15 minutes starting at 12:52 p.m. to discuss personnel. The Board reassembled at 1:08 pm and no action was taken.
President Emerson called on Melissa Wangemann for a point of personal privilege and she thanked the Board members for their support during her mother's death. All the board members shared information. Kimberly Skillman Robrahn discussed the idea of a county legislative day in Topeka so that commissioners could come up and spend time at the Capitol. Richard Malm discussed the Atchison sales tax and the controversy between the City and the County over sharing of the sales tax. Dan Partridge discussed the importance of the public health program. Gene Bryan noted that county appraisers are going up for reappointment this year. Kerry McCue talked about the EMS legislation and the KEMSA annual conference in August. Lon Buller said the Emergency Management Association will hold its annual meeting in September. The Kansas Department of Agriculture is suggesting changes in the noxious weed laws, and the Weed Directors Association and KAC will work with KDA over the summer to vet those changes. Glen said KCHA discussed SB 54 (qualifications based selection) at its annual meeting and their group will continue to discuss that legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann