Attendance

Board Members Present: Gary Baker, Stevens County Commissioner; Marvin Beesley, Gove County Noxious Weed Director; Ben Bennett, Geary County Commissioner; Bob Boaldin, Morton County Commissioner; Gene Bryan, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City; 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; Duane Patrick, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo Representative); and Glen Tyson, Osage County Road Director.

Board Members Absent: Dan Partridge, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Administrator; Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn, Coffey County Commissioner and Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Clerk.

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

Proceedings

The meeting was delayed due to internet connectivity problems at the library, and President Jim Emerson called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m. President Emerson introduced Bob Boaldin, the new board member representing the southwest district of Kansas who missed the first meeting due to illness.

President Emerson proposed an agenda amendment to add an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Duane Patrick moved to adopt the agenda with the amendment, which was seconded by Tim Norton. The motion passed.

Gene Bryan moved and Kerry McCue seconded a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2012 with an amendment noting that Kerry McCue was present by phone. The motion passed.

Richard Malm discussed the bills and payroll for January 24, 2013 noting an error that was corrected. Richard Malm moved -- with a second from Duane Patrick -- to approve the bills and payrolls. The motion passed.

Dennis Kriesel presented the monthly financial report. Dennis Kriesel explained that the financial statement includes a comparison chart that shows the progression of revenue and
spending during the year. He said the December financials should be ready for the next meeting. Tim Norton moved and Marvin Beesley seconded a motion to place the report on file. The motion passed.

Randall Allen and Melissa Wangemann gave a legislative update for the first two weeks of the session. Melissa Wangemann briefed the board on the machinery and equipment legislation. She explained that KAC, appraisers, and the attorneys for the taxpayers had met for two weeks trying to find agreed-to language that captures the fixtures test. She explained that some legislators are advising KAC to compromise or the counties could wind up with a worse deal. Tim Norton asked questions about the legislative post audit and whether it would include a fiscal note. Gene Bryan explained his concerns about the compromise language and whether it truly captured the fixtures test. Jim Emerson and Marvin Beesley indicated that a compromise might be necessary to cut the overall losses to all counties. Kerry McCue asked about expanding revenue streams for counties to make up for the losses in revenues. Melissa Wangemann next explained Steve Brunk’s bill that would require a public vote by the BOCC when valuations have increased causing a tax increase. Without the vote, the BOCC must levy a property tax at the preceding year’s level of taxation. Melissa Wangemann discussed two solid waste management bills that were introduced, which would limit local governments’ ability to manage solid waste. She discussed the Department of Agriculture’s proposal to increase weight limits on roads to encourage the dairy industry. She also mentioned a Department of Agriculture bill that moves the designation of the official county fair to the BOCC from the Secretary of Agriculture.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:35 and reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

President Emerson gave his President’s Report. He asked Melissa Wangemann to discuss the legal duties of board directors and Melissa Wangemann explained the duty of care and the duty of loyalty to the board members. President Emerson mentioned his trip with Randall Allen to the NACO Presidents’ Meeting in Washington D.C. President Emerson said he would like to review KAC documents and contracts to make sure all the documents are updated and current this year and would form a committee to assist with that project.

President Emerson turned to Randall Allen to present the Executive Director’s Report. Randall Allen gave a report on the 37th Annual Conference, calling on Sarah Meyer to review the survey results. Sarah reviewed the exhibitor survey and the attendee survey. She noted that the closing keynote speaker was very popular and that exhibitors asked for more time at the exhibition. She discussed the changing schedule for future conferences, and the limitations of the Topeka location. She also reviewed the workshop surveys, noting the popular and not-so-popular sessions, and noted that the pre-conference session on ethics was very well liked. Tim Norton asked about the regional breakout sessions and it was decided that an hour was a good time frame for the breakout sessions. Tim Norton
Randall Allen asked for feedback from the clerks about the 2012 conference and what items they want discussed at the annual conference. Randall Allen turned to the issue of the employee benefits trust and whether KAC would re-establish the program. Randall noted that the president would need to reappoint the EBT board, and Dennis Kriesel would be required to apply for and obtain an insurance license. Tim Norton suggested an RFP to determine who would handle the EBT and not an automatic contract with Bukaty. Dennis Kriesel discussed the contract that has already been reviewed with Bukaty. President Emerson said he would appoint a board to oversee the EBT project.

Randall Allen next handed out the “Intro to Commissioner’s Job” workshop agenda so that the Board could see the workshop topics. Randall said they discussed public health, public safety and public works. He also discussed a proposal for contracting with CPA Arnetta Boyce, who handles the KAC accounting and financial work. Tim Norton moved to approve the proposal to contract with Arnetta Boyce, and Duane Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed. Randall Allen reviewed his 2013 performance goals, which included legislative advocacy, public health grant programs, developing a shared vision, reviewing the education program, and improving the KAC technology.

Randall Allen provided a preview of the board retreat, which will occur in Wichita on February 21-22. Jim Emerson mentioned a strategic plan from 2004 on the KAC website, noting the Board should review it and update it.

Tim Norton moved to enter executive session for 18 minutes to discuss personnel and specifically to discuss the executive director’s evaluation, with the board returning at 2:45 p.m. Kerry McCue seconded the motion. The board reconvened at 2:48 p.m. Tim Norton moved and Richard Malm seconded a motion to provide the evaluation to the executive director, along with the salary assigned to the evaluation.

President Emerson asked board members to give any updates from their county or affiliate organization. Duane Patrick discussed the upcoming NACo meeting. Lon Buller discussed a possible drop-off on federal disaster aid. Gene Bryan noted that Mayor Reardon is not running for the position again.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann