

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes of March 22, 2013
via conference call

Attendance

Board Members Present: 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 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); and Glen **Tyson**, Osage County Road Director.

Board Members Absent: 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 Policy Analyst.

Proceedings

President Jim Emerson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Stan McEvoy moved and Duane Patrick seconded a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2013. The motion passed.

Dennis Kriesel presented the monthly financial report and explained his memo accompanying the report. Dennis Kriesel explained that the financial statement shows a \$124,000 net income, which is much better than the projected revenue of \$13. Each KAC program broke even or made a profit. Tim Norton said he was encouraged by the ending balance. Lon Buller moved and Glen Tyson seconded a motion to place the report on file. The motion passed.

Randall Allen requested that the board approve an engagement letter with Mayer Hoffman McCann for the compilation of the KAC's interim and annual 2013 financial statements. He said the agreement does not have any changes from the previous year's agreement. Marvin Beesley moved and Duane Patrick seconded a motion to approve the engagement letter. The motion passed.

Jim Emerson moved to discussion on the KAC Employee Benefits Trust, and appointed to the EBT Board: Richard Malm, chair, Marvin Beesley, Stan McEvoy, and Donna Zimmerman. Randall Allen discussed the creation of the board and its purpose, and noted the original members.

Duane Patrick provided a NACo report. He discussed the speakers at the NACo spring conference. He discussed the sessions and the other activities he attended during the conference.

Randall Allen and Melissa Wangemann gave a legislative update. Randall Allen explained the schedule for the end of the session; committees end on Friday, March 22, floor action occurs March 25-27, and then conference committees meet the first week of April with the veto session in May. Melissa Wangemann briefed the board on the fixtures legislation. Randall Allen discussed Senator Les Donovan's bill that would decrease property taxes on motor vehicles. He also discussed the House bill on the oil/gas valuation depletion fund and the Senate budget bill that cuts the money more drastically. Melissa Wangemann discussed the property tax exemption for health clubs and Randall Allen discussed the latest discussions on taxing boats. Randall Allen closed with discussion on the property tax transparency bill. President Emerson thanked the staff for their work on the legislative items, and also the board members who have appeared at the legislature.

President Emerson turned to Randall Allen to present the Executive Director's Report. Randall Allen deferred to Sarah Meyer who explained the delay in the education program and said the flyers will be going out shortly. Randall Allen reviewed the calendar and explained that KAC staff would be traveling to meetings around the state. He also reviewed the KCCA annual conference agenda.

President Emerson gave his President's Report. He asked for feedback on County Government Day. It was noted that many local officials drove into town for County Government Day but there were very few legislators in attendance. Melissa Wangemann noted that in the past, County Government Day had been on the Tuesday following Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and explained that the Thursday choice this year preceded a pro forma Friday and the Republican State Conference in Wichita, so many legislators had left Topeka. She explained the program before she joined KAC and why she added the networking component of the reception. She also noted that it is difficult to find legislators who will speak to KAC, given the current climate. President Emerson suggested further discussion on County Government Day at the board retreat.

President Jim Emerson called on members to share information.

Randall Allen reviewed possible dates for the board retreat. He will send out the dates to the board and they can provide feedback on what dates work.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann