**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; 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-Robrahn, Coffey County Commissioner; Glen Tyson, Osage County Road Director;

Board Members Absent: Ben Bennett, Geary County Commissioner; Stan McEvoy, Decatur County Commissioner; and Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Clerk.

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

**Proceedings**

President Jim Emerson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Marvin Beesley moved and Glen Tyson seconded a motion to approve the agenda, and the motion passed. Gene Bryan moved and Lon Buller seconded a motion to approve the minutes; the motion passed. Treasurer Dan Partridge reviewed the bills and payrolls for August 23, 2013. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn asked about the financial report and Randall Allen explained the process of encoding the bills and the delay in that process. Duane Patrick moved approval of the payroll and bills, which was seconded by Gene Bryan. The motion passed.

President Emerson moved to item 8 of the agenda and Randall Allen explained the succession of the KAC governing board. He reviewed a listing of board members and who was eligible for reappointment and what member terms will expire at the end of 2013.

Returning to item 2, President Emerson introduced Judge A.J. Wachter, District Court Judge, who welcomed the board to Pittsburg, Crawford County.

Bob Boaldin moved for an executive session of 15 minutes, which was seconded by Duane Patrick, to review the employment agreement with Executive Director Randall Allen at 10:21 a.m. The board entered executive session and reconvened at 10:39 p.m. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn moved to enter into an agreement with Randall Allen to include clerical
amendments that were suggested in executive session. The motion was seconded by Kerry McCue. The motion passed.

Randall Allen referenced a memo he prepared relating to items 9, 10 and 11. He noted the first issue of the office lease. He explained the lease arrangement and the rental amount, noting the subleases within the KAC lease. He outlined the advantages and disadvantages of continuing the lease in the LKM building. He reviewed the conversation he had with the LKM executive director Don Moler relating to holding the rent amount to the current level. Gene Bryan noted that he thought the $14.50 per square foot seemed high and Tim Norton supported the idea that KAC check the current market for commercial property. Bob Boaldin moved and Richard Malm seconded a motion to authorize Randall Allen and Jim Emerson to explore terms and conditions for renewing the lease with the LKM. The motion passed.

Randall Allen moved onto the next item, the KAC 38th Annual Conference. He noted that the KAC has reserved a block of rooms for the board members and explained the payment arrangements for the rooms. Tim Norton noted that Sarah Meyer had already booked the Larkspur for the board dinner. Randall Allen noted that the KAC is not having a pre-conference workshop before the annual conference as it typical does. He reviewed the two keynote speakers; David Limardi and Elsa Wolff. He reviewed the potential workshop topics, many which were suggested by board members. He noted that Sarah Meyer again secured Foley Equipment Company for a $40,000 commitment. Randall Allen discussed the hotels blocks that would be used by KAC members during the conference.

Randall Allen moved on to the public health project. He noted the workshop that just occurred in Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas. He noted the two upcoming workshops in Greensburg/Kiowa County and Garden City/Finney County. He noted the comment from Riley County Commissioner Dave Lewis who said the public health workshop was the best KAC meeting he had ever attended. Dan Partridge noted the comments heard at the KALHD board meeting regarding the workshops—the health department officers enjoy hearing what other health departments around the state do.

Melissa Wangemann provided a status report on the special legislative session, explaining that the Governor called for a three-day session running September 3-5. The purpose of the special session is to address a U.S. Supreme Court decision that prohibits a judge from imposing a mandatory minimum sentence, saying a jury must make that decision. Kansas law allows a judge to make that decision, thus jeopardizing the mandatory minimums that have been handed down. The Senate will be required to consider any Governor appointments while in session, including the Governor’s Court of Appeals appointment. She noted the legislative policy committee met August 2 and will meet again September 13 to consider amendments to the Legislative Policy Statement.
Melissa Wangemann reviewed the recent amicus brief filed by KAC relating to the notice-of-claim statute. She said the Court of Appeals did not follow the express language of the statute in the Sleeth v. Sedan City Hospital case but instead allowed for substantial compliance. She also briefed the board on another brief request in the KU Hospital v. Wabaunsee County case, which raises the question of what constitutes custody for the purpose of requiring the sheriff to cover medical costs.

Kerry McCue moved for the KAC to submit an amicus brief in the KU Hospital vs. Wabaunsee County case and Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen provided an update on the Statehouse Visitors Center county map. He explained the different projects employed by counties to raise the money. He noted that the Board had not discussed what it would do with the counties who do not pay, and the Board discussed holding off any decisions until after the conference in order to encourage participation.

Duane Patrick provided the NACo report, noting the different meetings and programs he attended during the NACo conference. He explained the caucus and the election of the NACo officers. He noted the speakers at the conference and the topics they covered.

The board recessed at 12:13 p.m. for lunch. The board reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

President Emerson provided his president's report. He will start working on Randall Allen's evaluation, taking comments from board members and staff. Jim Emerson said he would work on a template. President Emerson said he wanted the Board to have ample time to review the budget, and a conference call will be held September 26. He reminded the board that he wants a program committee to review the KAC programs for evaluation and/or modifications. By way of example, he noted reviewing County Government Day and the KAC educational programs. There was discussion by board members about moving County Government Day to a Wednesday to avoid the Friday pro forma. There was discussion about a primer on the legislative session before the reception began. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn also suggested a KAC program occurring a few days during the session when members are invited to get primed on important issues and go work the capitol. The consensus of the Board was that they would discuss County Government Day at a later date. Randall asked if CGD was for the purpose of one-on-one connections between county officials and legislators, or is it to become educated on legislative issues. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn said she thought it was for both purposes. Tim Norton discussed branding counties during CGD and explaining the partnership between the state and the counties. Jim Emerson asked that the issue of CGD be added to the September meeting.

During the informational sharing portion of the agenda, Gene Bryan said the Unified Government is deadlocked on the board vacancy. Bob Boaldin said he wants to hear
about the hot topics so he can visit with legislators on the issue. Tim Norton discussed the Sedgwick County budget and noted that the legislative session will be critical this year. Kerry McCue commented on the KEMSA annual conference in Wichita. He also noted that Ellis Co just passed a sales tax. Duane Patrick said thank you to all on the board and his family during his NACo representation. Glen Tyson said his county has 14 bridges to be fixed and will be working on a sewer system update. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn discussed the level of water in the rivers and the delays in road projects due to flooding. She mentioned that counties in southeast Kansas are concerned about the special session. She mentioned that the public health workshops had a positive impact on her county. Dan Partridge noted the positive effects of the public health workshops and thanked Jim Emerson for the visit to Crawford County. Richard Malm discussed the regional meeting held in Leavenworth among the Northeast Kansas counties to collaborate on issues of mutual interest. Richard Malm said he would try an idea he heard at NACo about each county discussing one positive point or program about their county during the regional breakout at the KAC conference.

Randall Allen noted the challenges of the Shawnee County BOCC and the decrease in services and the increases in the mill levy.

Randall Allen suggested a September conference call to discuss the budget before it will be approved at the October annual conference. The consensus of the board was to hold the conference call.

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

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann