

**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**  
GOVERNING BOARD  
Minutes of September 20, 2013 Special Meeting  
via conference call

**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; Duane **Patrick**, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo Representative); Kimberly **Skillman-Robrahn**, Coffey County Commissioner; and Glen **Tyson**, Osage County Road Director.

Board Members Absent: Ben **Bennett**, Geary County Commissioner; Stan **McEvoy**, Decatur County Commissioner; Dan **Partridge**, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Administrator; 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. He explained the purpose of the special conference call meeting was to select an audit firm to perform the KAC annual audit. Randall Allen reviewed the requests for proposals (RFPs) that he received from Berberich & Trahan and Mize, Houser & Company. Randall Allen said that he found Berberich & Trahan's proposal to be more in-depth and it was also cheaper. Duane Patrick asked why the first year is cheaper than the second year - it seemed to him that the audit should be less expensive as the contract progresses. Gene Bryan noted the past experience of Berberich & Trahan, which would benefit KAC. Gene Bryan moved to accept the staff's recommendation to accept the proposal of Berberich & Trahan. The motion was seconded by Duane Patrick. The motion passed.

President Emerson turned to the second item of discussion, the county map in the statehouse. Randall Allen relayed his conversation with the Legislative Director, Jeff Russell. Randall Allen noted his attempts to get pictures of the stone cutting for the map, which he thought would help sell the map idea to counties, and the state's failure to provide those pictures. Randall Allen shared with Jeff Russell all the various fundraising activities used throughout the counties to raise the money for the map. He told Jeff Russell that \$40,000 was in the bank and that \$15,000 was expected, meaning around \$55,000 had been raised. Jeff Russell advised Randall Allen of a new cost of the state map,

approximating \$87,000. Jeff Russell told Randall Allen that—given that the fundraising goal was not met—he was going to have a standard floor installed and then later, if the counties wanted to install the map they could, but additional costs approximating \$20,000 would be necessary to tear out the current floor.

Randall Allen advised the Board they had two options: 1. Continue with the fundraising efforts, especially at the Annual Conference, and go ahead and commit to the Legislative Services Director that the KAC would cover the costs; 2. Discontinue the fundraising efforts and send the money back to the counties. He did not suggest the third option of ripping up the floor at a later date and redoing the floor with an increased price. Randall Allen told the Board that he had to advise Jeff Russell of the Board's decision by 5:00 p.m. that day.

Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn said the State may not be willing to allow the floor to be ripped up at a later date anyhow, so that option should not be considered. Randall Allen said that a question was recently posed to the Governmental Ethics Commission whether legislators can gift campaign monies to civic groups that could fund the state map and the answer was they could. Tim Norton said that KAC must move forward with the map as it was important for branding. Melissa Wangemann suggested that board members talk to banks or other private companies in the counties that did not donate. Kerry McCue asked if there was a statewide association to use for contacting civic groups.

Gene Bryan moved to continue fundraising and to commit the KAC to the state map project. Richard Malm seconded the motion. Kerry McCue asked if KAC reserves could cover the amount and Randall Allen said that KAC had liquid assets to cover the cost. The motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Wangemann