

**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
GOVERNING BOARD**

Minutes of January 24, 2014 Meeting
Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas

Attendance

Board Members Present: John **Bartolac**, Johnson County Director of Records and Tax Administration; 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; Stan **McEvoy**, Decatur County Commissioner; Richard **Malm**, Jefferson County Commissioner; Norbert **Marek**, Wabaunsee County Attorney; Duane **Patrick**, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo Representative); Kimberly **Skillman-Robrahn**, Coffey County Commissioner, President; Glen **Tyson**, Osage County Road Director; Dan **Woydziak**, Butler County Commissioner.

Board Member Absent: Allison **Alejos**, Director of the Shawnee County Health Agency; Jim **Emerson**, Crawford County Counselor; and Kerry **McCue**, Ellis County EMS Director.

Proceedings

Vice President Gene Bryan called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. He acknowledged President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn on the phone. He called for a review of the agenda and Lon Buller moved to accept the agenda, which was seconded by Duane Patrick. The board approved the motion by consensus.

Vice President Bryan called for a review of the minutes. Dan Woydziak moved approval, which was seconded by Bob Boaldin. The motion passed.

Treasurer Glen Tyson presented the bills and payroll for January 24, 2014. John Bartolac moved to approve and place on file the bills and payroll, and Duane Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dennis Kriesel reviewed the monthly financial report for November, 2013. The net income was just over \$118,000, which is lower than previously presented because expenditures from the annual conference are now reflected. Dennis Kriesel noted that the report does not include finalized numbers because wrap-up on the health grants was not available. KAC will need to pay KALHD their share of the health grants before finalizing the financials for 2013.

Sarah Meyer reviewed the 38th Annual Conference report and the Review of Evaluation Summaries. The majority of vendors like the expanded hours of the exhibition; there were a minority of vendors who thought the exhibition was too long. Sarah Meyer said vendors appreciate that KAC encourages its members to attend the vendor booths with games and placing the dinner in the exhibition hall. Some vendors expressed concern that some county officials are not interested in attending the exhibition, and some also expressed an interest in a one-day exhibition.

Sarah Meyer reviewed the Review of Evaluation Summaries. She discussed the use of the Bloodhound application during the conference and the frustrations with the application this year. She said KAC will look for another option for the next conference. Randall Allen noted the need to move forward on technology but to acknowledge members' current technology abilities. Randall Allen and Sarah Meyer also discussed the NACO application, which seems to work well.

Sarah Meyer discussed the highlights of the annual conference. She said networking was a top response from members. Meals were well-liked by members. She said the keynote speaker and the break-out speakers were well-received by members. In terms of requested changes by members for future annual conferences, the hotel reservation process was a key concern. Randall Allen said that there was positive feedback about the other hotels, but it was noted that one county did not come to the conference because they did not get into the conference hotel. Sarah Meyer noted that there was some negative feedback on the regional meetings; that they were not well-organized. The Board said suggested topics would be helpful, and board members need to be present to serve as facilitators. Members said that the exhibition was too long and too short. Sarah Meyer also noted the Women of the KAC reception. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn discussed the reception and her feeling that it was hijacked by members wanting to advocate a position on lesser prairie chickens. She noted that the Chautauqua representative wanted to discuss her county joining the KAC and that was a positive discussion. Sarah Meyer said the appraisers felt like inferior members because they were not asked what subjects they wanted covered and KCAA handled the arrangements for the PVD update. Sarah Meyer said the members reported the legislative review was a well-liked presentation, along with the social media review. She reviewed the requested subject matters for the future conference. Sarah noted the highly-rated sessions; Conversation with KDOT Secretary, Employment Law, and Emergency Management. There was discussion about the annual conference location, based on the comments that members like the central location of Wichita. Randall Allen and Sarah Meyer noted negative comments about the Topeka facility, and KAC has been told by Shawnee County that they will improve the Topeka facility.

Duane Patrick presented the NACo report. He spent a lot of time in the business meeting, where they discussed changes to the election process. He discussed the flooding that has occurred across the country.

Randall Allen and Melissa Wangemann presented the legislative report, discussing the upcoming hearing on the repeal of the mortgage registration fee. John Bartolac, Richard Malm and Norbert Marek commented on the bill. Richard Malm said that, between the boat tax and the MRF fee, his county will have to increase taxes by 5 mills. John Bartolac noted all the county officials that are involved in land transactions; from the ROD to records it to the sheriff who exercises the service of foreclosure. Randall Allen discussed HB 2456, which would exempt certain machinery and equipment used in the production of cement, lime and similar products. He also noted that Senate Vice President Jeff King has introduced a bill to centralize appraisals of complex properties. Gene Bryan discussed the idea of centralized appraisal of complex properties; he noted the need for PVD to employ experts to handle the appraisal. Melissa Wangemann discussed HB 2473, the bill relating to guns and knives. She also discussed the nuisance bill, HB 2247.

Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn provided the President's Report. She said she had heard that the session is moving quickly even in the first few weeks. She noted the legislative session was her first priority. Her second priority is reaching out and networking with members, and she said the Regional Suppers are a great way to accomplish that goal. She talked about her trip with Randall to the NACo meeting in Washington, D.C. and the topics that were discussed.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. The board reconvened at 12:30.

Randall Allen gave his executive director's report. Randall Allen said he and Dennis Kriesel discussed the 2013 audit with Cbiz, the accountants that handle payroll, and there will be an adjustment relating to accrued vacation to resolve the outstanding issue. The 2013 audit field work will be done this spring. Randall Allen discussed the regional suppers and reviewed the schedule. He said board members are needed to facilitate the regional suppers, and the Board discussed what board members would attend the regional suppers. Randall Allen reviewed the engagement letter with Mayer Hoffman McCann, which helps create and review the KAC financial statements. Richard Malm moved and Duane Patrick seconded a motion to approve the engagement letter. The motion passed. Randall Allen moved onto discussion on the KCGI programs and noted the need for new resources for speakers and teachers. Randall handed out a status report on the county map project. KAC paid the state \$87,848.73 after receiving \$76,101.00 from counties. This leaves a deficit of \$11,747, but KAC has commitments of \$7,000, leaving a balance of \$4,747. Randall Allen said the KCCA has an open position on its executive committee and the application process for the opening ends next week. He reminded board members to register for County Government Day. He

turned his report over to Melissa Wangemann to discuss an open records proposal that was offered by Senator LaTurner. Melissa Wangemann said that Senator LaTurner and the Kansas Press Association want a bill that would expand rights of citizens on open records; the citizens would get the first hour of staff time and the first 25 pages of records free of cost.

There was no reporting by board members, although Gene Bryan did report that his governing board was still down one commissioner. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn reported on Project 17 and the possibility for a wind farm in Coffey County.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Minutes by Melissa Wangemann