

## Kansas Association of Counties Governing Board

Minutes of the March 28, 2014 Meeting  
via conference call

### Attendance

Board Members **Present**: Allison **Alejos**, Director of the Shawnee County Health Agency; 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; Jim **Emerson**, Crawford County Counselor; Richard **Malm**, Jefferson County Commissioner; Duane **Patrick**, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo Representative); Kimberly **Skillman-Robrahn**, Coffey County Commissioner, President; Glen **Tyson**, Osage County Road Director; and Dan **Woydziak**, Butler County Commissioner.

Board Members **Absent**: Lon **Buller**, Harvey County Emergency Management Director; Norbert **Marek**, Wabaunsee County Attorney; Kerry **McCue**, Ellis County EMS Director; Stan **McEvoy**, Decatur County Commissioner.

### Proceedings

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. She called for the Board to review the February 28<sup>th</sup> minutes. John Bartolac moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2014 and Glen Tyson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dennis Kriesel reviewed the monthly financial report and his accompanying memo. He noted the net income of (\$5,662.77) in the first month of the year, which reflected the purged health grants from the budget. Duane Patrick moved to accept the report and place it on file. Dan Woydziak seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Duane Patrick outlined the program at the NACo Legislative Conference and the programs he attended. He discussed the NACo board forum and the caucus, and the speakers who spoke at the sessions.

Melissa Wangemann and Randall Allen provided the legislative report. Randall Allen discussed the mortgage registration fee, Sub for SB 298. He noted the bill passed the Senate and had an informal hearing in the House Taxation Committee last week, which KAC and county officials treated as a regular hearing. The House has not passed out the bill. He noted that the bill could be added to a conference committee report. Melissa Wangemann updated the Board on the latest fixtures legislation, which now represents a compromise between the proponents and the opponents. She also discussed SB 10 pertaining to open records, and the compromise in the works regarding that bill. Randall Allen also noted that KAC continues to watch the extension district bill,

which is not moving at the moment. Bob Boaldin noted the letter from Chairman Dan Unruh in the Wichita Eagle relating to the mortgage registration fee.

Randall Allen gave his Executive Director's Report. Randall Allen said the brochure for the KCCA annual conference in Manhattan will be mailed the following week. He highlighted some of the speakers at the conference. Randall Allen also discussed the regional county official meetings that have begun this spring: North-Central commissioners and highway officials will be meeting in Belleville; South-Central commissioners and highway officials will be meeting in Hutchinson; Southeast commissioners and highway officials in Chanute and also Columbus; and Northwest commissioners and highway officials will meet in Colby. Gene Bryan reported that the Kansas County Appraisers Association will meet June 22-25<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, Randall Allen noted that the KCC has requested KAC's presence at a seismic meeting in April.

Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn moved onto the President's Report. She noted her appreciation of county officials for their involvement in the legislative process, and encouraged board members to thank KAC members who helped during the session, and to thank those legislators who were allies during the session. She noted the positive feedback from the regional suppers. Tracey Streeter told Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn he appreciated the work of KAC on the regional suppers.

President Skillman-Robrahn said she wanted to discuss in the future the idea of an urban member on the Board. She asked members to give it consideration, and there will be more discussion at a future meeting.

President Skillman-Robrahn asked that the Board members share their thoughts. John Bartolac expressed his thanks to those who worked on legislation this session. He also noted that the Clerks Association's annual meeting will be the same week as the KCCA conference. Gene Bryan said that valuation notices were issued. He also said their County Administrator was retiring, and noted that there is still a vacancy on their governing board. Allison Allejos noted that the media released the health rankings, which received a lot of attention. She said the Shawnee County Board of Health's meeting was postponed. Marvin Beesley said thank you to those working on legislation. He noted that Gove County has hired an economic development director. Ben Bennett reminded everyone of the Belleville meeting. Jim Emerson discussed the gaming bill that passed the Senate this week, which lowers the entry amount for a new gaming facility in Southeast Kansas. The county that hosts the gaming facility will get 1%. Glen Tyson says the County Highway Officials Association is meeting in Dodge City in May. Glen Tyson discussed the bridge projects occurring in his county. Dan Woydziak expressed his appreciation for the legislative work, and noted the positive remarks about the regional suppers. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn noted that she selected Dodge City as her choice for the August meeting. She noted that the May meeting will be Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.