

**Kansas Association of Counties
Governing Board**

Minutes of the July 25, 2014 Meeting
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; Jim **Emerson**, Crawford County Counselor; Stan **McEvoy**, Decatur County Commissioner; Richard **Malm**, Jefferson County Commissioner; Duane **Patrick**, McPherson County Commissioner (NACo Representative); Kimberly **Skillman-Robrahn**, Coffey County Commissioner, President; and Glen **Tyson**, Osage County Road Director.

Board Member Absent: Allison **Alejos**, Director of the Shawnee County Health Agency; John **Bartolac**, Johnson County Director of Records and Tax Administration; Lon **Buller**, Harvey County Emergency Management Director (could not connect via phone); Kerry **McCue**, Ellis County EMS Director; Norbert **Marek**, Wabaunsee County Attorney; and Dan **Woydziak**, Butler County Commissioner.

Proceedings

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. She called for the Board to review the May minutes. Richard Malm moved to approve the minutes and Duane Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn turned the next agenda item—the KAC audit report—over to Executive Director Randall Allen, who introduced Stacy Hammond and Dusty Wagoner with the firm Berberich Trahan. Stacy Hammond and Dusty Wagoner reviewed the financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2013. Stacy Hammond reviewed the financial statement and the auditor's letter indicating that the audit was satisfactory. She noted that there were no concerns to raise with the Board. Dusty Wagoner noted that there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses to report, and he examined the representation letter with the Board. He noted a variance in cash reported on the report of approximately \$100,000 resulting from increased costs, and he also pointed out the refund to the Kansas Health Institute and its effects on accounts payable. Randall Allen discussed select numbers in the audit report: designated unrestricted assets and 467 and 524 fund variations. Duane Patrick moved that the audit be approved and placed on file. Glen Tyson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn moved to the next agenda item, the lease agreement with the League of Kansas Municipalities. Randall Allen noted that the five-year lease with the LKM was expiring in December 2014 and a new lease has been drawn up for the next four years. The next lease is for a term of four years so that all the

tenants' leases are coordinated to expire at the same time. Randall Allen outlined the benefits of the lease and recommended that the Board adopt the lease. Richard Malm moved to approve the lease and authorize Randall Allen and Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn to sign the lease. Duane Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Duane Patrick gave a report on the NACo annual conference, outlining the workshops and programs he attended. President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn also outlined the topics that were discussed at NACo, including the federal transportation program, the Waters of U.S. regulations, and other federal legislation affecting counties. She also discussed the featured speaker Chef Jeff Henderson, the closing session with comedian Frank Caliendo and the visit from Louisiana Senator David Vitter, who discussed the federal transportation program.

Randall Allen gave his Executive Director's Report. Randall Allen discussed the staffing changes at the KAC. He noted the new law clerk, Ricky Parks, and the new education and conference director, Dorrie Sullivan. Randall Allen said Jeanna Lee would be joining the KAC as the full-time administrative assistant. Randall Allen also discussed the programs committee and the discussions they have had the last month. He introduced Dorrie Sullivan, who in turn introduced Walt Bettis with Foley Equipment, who will once again sponsor the KAC annual conference. Walt Bettis spoke to the Board and discussed the relationship between Foley and KAC and its member counties. Randall Allen discussed the KAC 2014 annual conference. He explained that Dorrie Sullivan has driven to Wichita to visit the hotel and meet with the Sedgwick County delegation. He also noted a preliminary agenda in the Board's packet, with the theme of "Call to Action" with emphasis on the words "All to Act." Randall Allen moved onto the next issue relating to the legislative policy statement review. He and Melissa Wangemann discussed the upcoming legislative policy committee meeting and the dynamics of the 2014 election.

President Robrahn-Skillman gave her report. She publicly thanked the KAC staff for the support they have provided her. She also gave an update on her initiative to review the KAC educational programs and make recommendations to improve those programs. She detailed the two meetings where the educational programs were discussed.

President Skillman-Robrahn asked that the Board members share their thoughts and each board member shared information from their home counties and their affiliate organization. Richard Malm said the legislative cuts from the boat tax and the commercial vehicle registration fee resulted in his county looking at a 11.5 mill levy increase to compensate for the loss of these revenues. Gene Bryan discussed the expansion of the K.C. Sporting soccer complex and Melissa Wangemann asked about the financing of the expansion, which Gene Bryan said was the result of leftover STAR bond authority. Stan McEvoy said his county was working on its budget and working through issues with its hospital. Marvin Beesley said his county saw a valuation increase from oil interests. Marvin Beesley said the OGVF funds that were dispersed to the county will be used by Gove County during this budget cycle. Ben Bennett

discussed the budgetary problems they are experiencing, and noted the drop in interlocal cooperation with the city. Jim Emerson said that this county received a donation of \$1m to help fund local educational programs. Also, the project for gaming in the area is moving forward. Glen Tyson thanked President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn for participating in the KDOT announcement on bridge funding. He also noted that the decrease of boat tax revenues is affecting his county. President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn said her county's valuation was up, but they will be raising the mill levy to fund some community projects. She discussed the effects of the Ash Grove bill on Neosho County and its school district.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.