

Kansas Association of Counties  
Governing Board Meeting  
Minutes  
September 26, 2014  
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; Ben **Bennett**, Geary County Commissioner; Marvin **Beesley**, Gove County Noxious Weed Director; Gene **Bryan**, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City Appraiser; Lon **Buller**, Harvey County Emergency Management Director; Jim **Emerson**, Crawford County Counselor; 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; and Dan **Woydziak**, Butler County Commissioner.

Board Members Absent: Kerry **McCue**, Ellis County EMS Director and Stan **McEvoy**, Decatur County Commissioner.

**Proceedings**

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn asked for a roll call and Randall Allen called the names of the board. Allison Allejos, Kerry McCue and Stan McEvoy were recorded as absent. Gene Bryan moved and Dan Woydziak seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn asked the Board to review the August minutes. Dan Woydziak moved approval of the August minutes with an amendment to the listing of the next meeting date, and Glen Tyson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dennis Kriesel gave the report on the July 2014 financial statements. Dennis Kriesel said that the current net income was at \$31,538. He explained that income will rise during and after the conference. Conference booth income is coming in now and is almost breaking even. Lon Buller moved to approve the financial statement and place it on file and Duane Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen reviewed the governing board succession. He reminded the board that he reviewed the board succession at the August meeting in Dodge City, and he noted that he was following up at the September meeting on Kerry McCue's question of when he started his position on the board. Kerry McCue had been appointed to an unexpired

term at first, and therefore was eligible to serve two more terms. Therefore, he is eligible to continue to serve if selected by KEMSA.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn called for the Board to decide whether to approve the NACo travel for Duane Patrick, which was deferred from the August meeting. Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn registered her concerns about spending public monies to send a person to Hawaii. Dan Woydziak asked for an explanation of the KAC travel policy, and Randall Allen explained the budget and approval process. Dan Woydziak said if Butler County was losing an employee within a month, his county would not spend public monies to send the person to an out-of-state conference. President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn moved that KAC authorize Duane Patrick to attend the NACo conference in Hawaii but that KAC not provide any expenses for the trip. Gene Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 9-3. Randall Allen called roll again and Allison Allejos, Kerry McCue, and Stan McEvoy remained absent.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn called on Randall Allen to give the status report on the 39<sup>th</sup> annual conference. Randall Allen outlined the workshops that would take place at the annual conference. He also discussed the program for the Kansas County Commissioners Association, noting that Dr. Robert Moser of KDHE would discuss county public health, and the program presented by Seward County on truancy. He reminded the Board of the board dinner on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at Intrust Arena.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn asked Melissa Wangemann to provide the legislative report. Melissa Wangemann explained the process of updating the legislative policy statement, outlining the two meetings that will occur this fall, the issues before the committee, and the planned transition for the chairmanship. Dan Woydziak said he would like to see a smaller prioritized listing handed out to legislators because a full-page legislative policy statement would be too much information to hand to legislators. Melissa Wangemann explained that KAC has in the past just handed out a listing of the priority issues.

Randall Allen took another roll call to determine who was still on the phone. Allison Allejos, Jim Emerson, Kerry McCue, and Stan McEvoy were recorded as absent.

Randall Allen discussed the KAC Program Committee's work on the compensation survey, the employment trust, and the Local Road Engineer program. He also discussed the NACo/KAC deferred compensation program. Randall Allen noted that KAC will send a letter to counties with an invoice to pay for the compensation study, and if a sufficient number of invoices are returned, the compensation survey will be completed and provided to those counties who have subscribed to the service. Gene Bryan asked how the cost of \$175 for the compensation survey was decided and Randall Allen said it was based on estimates of costs and how many counties would participate. There was discussion about a conservative price that would not discourage counties

from participating. Gene Bryan wondered about a sliding scale for counties to buy the survey. John Bartolac asked about the perception by county members that they are paying for a service that KAC has offered in the past for no cost. Marvin Beesley asked if we knew how many counties are needed to pay for the compensation survey. Gene Bryan asked about the timing of the survey and Randall Allen thought it would start in 2015. Richard Malm noted that the compensation survey could be discussed at the regional breakouts during the annual conference. Glen Tyson asked Dennis Kriesel how much money was in the Local Road Engineer program, and Dennis Kriesel reported that the program fund had a balance of \$81,459. Richard Malm moved to approve the letter to counties on the compensation survey with a flat fee. John Bartolac seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn gave her President's Report. She said she had planned to attend the KEMA annual conference, but was unable to do so because of a family friend's death. She talked with Lon Buller during the KEMA conference and it was her understanding that KEMA will remain a KAC member. She said she would reimburse KAC for the costs of the KEMA conference since she was unable to attend. She said she stops in the KAC office from time-to-time to check in with the KAC staff.

Randall Allen gave his executive director's report. He said that Nathan Eberline was reviewing and updating job descriptions, and noted that jobs at the KAC have changed in the last few years. He noted that his job description should be reviewed by the governing board, since Randall Allen works directly for the board. The board deferred any action on approving the executive director job description. Randall Allen requested approval for a trip to NCCAE in Colorado Springs, CO because he has been nominated for an officer position. Allison Allejos asked if there was money in the budget that would cover the costs. Randall Allen said, given the current environment, he should cover the costs. Dan Woydziak moved authorization of Randall Allen to attend the meeting with him covering his own expenses, and Richard Malm seconded the motion. The motion passed. Randall Allen asked Melissa Wangemann to discuss the election issue that had brought several phone calls to the KAC office in the last week. Melissa Wangemann discussed the U.S. Senate race with the withdrawal of Chad Taylor from the race, and the clerks' concern about meeting the statutory timelines for ballot creation and distribution.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn called on Board members to present information from their county or their affiliate organization. Each member discussed the latest news in their county and the latest news from their affiliate organization. Final roll call was completed during the discussion and Jim Emerson, Kerry McCue, Stan McEvoy, and Duane Patrick were recorded as absent the time of the information exchange.

President Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn said the next board meeting is October 17, at which time the board will discuss the budget. The meeting will be conducted by conference call.

With no other business, the Board meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.