KAC Governing Board
Minutes
January 23, 2015

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; Robert Boyd, Riley County Commissioner; Gene Bryan, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City Appraiser, President; Jim Emerson, Crawford County Counselor; Kerry McCue, Ellis County EMS Director; Stan McEvoy, Decatur County Commissioner; Richard Malm, NACo Representative; Norbert Marek, Wabaunsee County Attorney; Lynn Peterson, Dickinson County Commissioner; Hannah Stambaugh, Saline County Emergency Management Director; Shawn Tasset, Ford County Commissioner; Glen Tyson, Osage County Road Director and Dan Woydziak, Butler County Commissioner.

Others Present: Randall Allen, KAC Executive Director; Melissa Wangemann, General Counsel; Dorrie Sullivan, Education and Communications Director; Dennis Kriesel, Operations and Finance Director.

Proceedings

President Gene Bryan called the meeting of the KAC Governing Board to order at 10:05 a.m. President Bryan called for corrections to the agenda, and there were no corrections to the agenda.

President Bryan called for the board to review the minutes. Dan Woydziak moved and Glen Tyson seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Operations and Finance Director Dennis Kriesel provided the financial report for November 2014. He noted that KAC’s budget is still positive with a total income of $986,765 through November and a net profit of $48,522. The financial report includes the large expenditures paid for the annual conference, so the positive net amount is especially noteworthy given the level of expense. Lynn Peterson moved and John Bartolac seconded the motion to accept the financial report and place it on file. The motion passed.

Melissa Wangemann, Randall Allen and Dan Woydziak provided the legislative report. Melissa Wangemann discussed HB2001, a bill that would prohibit the distribution of monies received under a protested tax payment until the appeal is final. Gene Bryan discussed the hearing that occurred earlier in the week relating to changes to the Board of Tax Appeals. He explained the criticisms leveled at counties and county appraisers during the discussions. Melissa
Wangemann outlined the priorities of the Governor’s budget. Dan Woydziak discussed the idea of adding the state to any bills that affect counties. Lastly, Melissa Wangemann noted her concerns on the noxious weed bill draft. Rob Roberts outlined his concerns about the noxious weed legislation.

President Gene Bryan turned to the election of the NACo representative. Randall Allen explained how the election of the NACo representative is different from the election of other members of the KAC governing board. Randall Allen and Gene Bryan recommended that Richard Malm serve as the NACo replacement. Marvin Beasley nominated Richard Malm to serve as the NACo representative and Robert Boyd seconded the nomination. The motion passed.

Randall Allen called for a delay on item 8 relating to the sub-lease agreements for rooms on the third floor that are rented by KAC. President Bryan noted that those items will be discussed at the February meeting.

Melissa Wangemann reviewed the agreement between the County Counselors Association of Kansas and the KAC, outlining the services performed by her for CCAK. Robert Boyd moved approval of the contract and Shawn Tasset seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen discussed the KAC Annual Conference. He noted the relationship with Foley, and that the current contract allows Foley the first right of refusal to continue the contract. He said he and Dorrie Sullivan would meet with Walt Bettis of the Foley Company to discuss possible changes to the contract. Randall Allen noted the impact of their financial contribution and the difficulty in finding another vendor who could replace that level of support. He also said he understood the concerns of the board about allowing other vendors to display their equipment. Conference Director Dorrie Sullivan reviewed the possible theme of the 2015 Annual Conference and the possible workshops that will support the theme. The theme will focus on the county workplace. Randall Allan asked the members of the board to review the theme and workshops and to get feedback from their county employees or affiliate members to determine if the KAC proposal is meeting the needs of KAC members.

Gene Bryan provided his President’s Report. He said he has not had time to work through his initiatives.

Randall Allen provided his Executive Director’s Report. He noted the policy that travel authorization is required for the NACo representative and the KAC Executive Director to travel to Washington, D.C. Robert Boyd moved and Jim Emerson seconded the motion to approve travel. The motion passed.
Randall Allen raised a scheduling concern. He said the May 22nd meeting falls before Memorial Day weekend and he is concerned that the legislative session may go into May. The consensus of the board was to leave the meeting on May 22nd.

Randall Allen reviewed the secretariat agreement between the KAC and the Kansas County Commissioners Association. Dan Woydziak moved and Glen Tyson seconded the motion to approve the agreement and to allow Randall Allen to sign the agreement. The motion passed.

Randall Allen reviewed the list of counties that have subscribed to the 2015 compensation survey. He explained the proposal from Technology Net that would handle the compensation survey and the compensation data. Technology Net would work in conjunction with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). The proposal offers a platform for the data, which will be accessible by subscriber counties, and not an assembled document for the compensation survey, as done in the past. He noted that Melissa Wangemann would review the contract for legal issues and then the board would have to authorize signature because the amount of the contract is over $10,000. Allison Allejos asked what positions would be covered by the salary survey, and Randall Allen said he would work with the clerks and the human resource directors to determine the parameters of the survey. Kerry McCue moved to authorize Randall Allen to move forward on the compensation survey after legal review. Stan McEvoy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen noted the amount of dues that were paid to the local road engineer program, and the list of KAC membership dues that have been paid.

Randall Allen said he visited Chautauqua County this year. Their HR person had attended the KAC Annual Conference two years ago and has been lobbying her board of county commissioners to join the association.

Randall Allen also reviewed the New Commissioner’s Orientation meeting that occurred last week. He complimented Michelle Ponce on her presentation on public health and Bob Boyd and Dan Woydziak on their presentations.

The board recessed at 12:15 p.m. for lunch. The board reconvened at 12:48 p.m., and the members of the governing board shared their comments about their counties and their affiliate organizations.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.