Kansas Association of Counties
Governing Board Minutes
Meeting Via Conference Call
March 27, 2015

Attendance

Board Members Present: 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; Rob Roberts, Miami County Commissioner; Hannah Stambaugh, Saline County Emergency Management Director; Glen Tyson, Osage County Road Director and Dan Woydziak, Butler County Commissioner.

Board Members Absent: Allison Alejos, Director of the Shawnee County Health Agency and Shawn Tasset, Ford County Commissioner.

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

Proceedings

President Gene Bryan called the meeting of the KAC Governing Board to order at 9:00 a.m. Randall Allen called roll. President Bryan called for review of the minutes. Lynn Peterson moved to adopt the February 27th minutes and Robert Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen reviewed the process to elect a representative to the National Association of Counties. The representative period runs September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2017. Randall Allen reviewed the eligibility requirements for the NACo representative, and outlined the voting process that takes place in the counties that are members of NACo. Gene Bryan asked how votes are canvassed. Randall Allen said that in the past, votes were recorded in a document sent to the board when one candidate was in the race, but where there were multiple candidates, KAC has historically included the candidates in the canvassing process.

Richard Malm gave a report from the National Association of Counties. Richard Malm said he would contact Smith County to discuss their membership in NACo. He also noted that he would be attending the regional meetings of counties to discuss NACo at those meetings.
Melissa Wangemann gave the legislative report. Melissa Wangemann reviewed the issues of concern that week including KPERS, annexation, yard signs in the right-of-way, liquor in grocery stores and the bill on public lobbying. Gene Bryan asked about SB 178, the bill that alters agricultural land valuation. Melissa Wangemann said that bill may arise in May when the legislature works on the budget, and additional taxes will be necessary to eliminate the deficit. Several board members asked about SB 42, which requires reporting and publishing of public monies spent on lobbyists and any association that employs a lobbyist.

Gene Bryan said he had been ill and not prepared a President’s Report. He noted the tax and budget concerns that may still arise in the Kansas legislature.

Randall Allen provided his Executive Director’s Report. Randall Allen noted the progress of the compensation survey and explained that webinars are occurring to train county officials on the program. Randall Allen said that Dorrie Sullivan and Jeanna Lee have been working to roll out the educational program. Randall said that he and Dorrie Sullivan had been planning the KCCA conference that takes place in May.

Randall Allen requested travel authorizations for the NACo annual conference for Gene Bryan, Richard Malm and Melissa Wangemann; he also requested travel authorization for him to attend the ASAE conference. Jim Emerson moved approval and Glen Tyson seconded the motion to approve the travel. The motion passed.

The board members discussed the issues affecting their affiliate groups and their home counties.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.