

Kansas Association of Counties
Governing Board Minutes
Kansas City, Wyandotte County
August 28, 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; 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; Shawn **Tasset**, Ford County Commissioner; Glen **Tyson**, Osage County Road Director and Dan **Woydziak**, Butler County Commissioner.

Board Members Absent: **Stan McEvoy**, Decatur 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 9:00 a.m. President Bryan welcomed everyone and discussed the board events from the night before, which included a tour of the Sporting Kansas City Park and attending the T-Bones baseball game . President Bryan welcomed Sandy Horton, executive director of the Kansas Sheriffs Association, noting he is former sheriff to Crawford County.

President Bryan called for corrections to the agenda, and there were no corrections to the agenda. Robert Boyd moved and Shawn Tasset seconded the motion to accept the agenda. The motion passed.

President Bryan called for the board to review the minutes. Dan Woydziak moved to approve the minutes, and Rob Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Glen Tyson reviewed the reports and payroll for August 28, 2015. Marvin Beesley moved and John Bartolac seconded the motion to accept and file the reports. The motion passed.

Randall Allen provided a status report on his performance goal #1 relating to legislative process. He noted the appointments to the Legislative Policy Committee: Allison Alejos, Frank Denning and Jamie Shew. He referenced the memo that he shared in the board packet. He said that Nathan Eberline was tasked with the job of reducing the policy statement to a shorter, broader statement. Pages one through five are the basic and core provisions of the KAC legislative program and the last page constitutes the upcoming session's agenda. Melissa Wangemann explained the legislative protocols. President Bryan asked if there were questions about the protocols, starting with the first section on creation of the policy statement. John Bartolac asked about the sentence in #4 relating to a required conversation with a legislator; does that require that a legislator say he or she would support the proposal? Melissa Wangemann explained that support was not necessary, just a conversation with a legislator. Melissa Wangemann said requiring the conversation helps the legislative policy committee analyze the proposal—it provides the committee some feedback from the legislature. Robert Boyd said the requirement results in engagement by the county with their legislators. Rob Roberts asked about a growing level of people who want to say “no” to any initiative. Randall Allen said the policy statement will be the guide for that conversation. President Bryan continued with questions about the other sections of the protocols, Presentation of the Policy Statement and the Statement During the Session. President Bryan said he was comfortable with the compromise section. Shawn Tasset raised concerns about compromising on positions. Rob Roberts discussed the last minute maneuvers on the property tax lid and Majority Leader Jene Vickrey wanting KAC to help write mitigating language. Shawn Tasset talked about holding the line on issues and that saying no to one issue should not influence the legislature's treatment of KAC on other issues. Melissa Wangemann agreed with Shawn's comments, but noted that the legislature likes to see compromise and has held the lack of compromise against groups on future legislative issues. Lynn Peterson raised concerns about the compromise language, too. Robert Boyd moved to adopt protocols 1 through 7. Lynn Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Robert Boyd table item 8 of the legislative protocols until the next board meeting, with direction that the legislative policy committee making a recommendation on item 8 to the board. Dan Woydziak seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen discussed the third part of his goal response – to host a webinar to review the policy statement, and to provide a video, similar to those done on Fridays during the legislative session. John Bartolac asked if the webinar would be recorded and available to those who did not attend, and Melissa Wangemann and Dorrie Sullivan said that was the intent.

President Bryan turned to item 6 on the agenda, an update on the annual conference. Dorrie Sullivan reviewed the upcoming annual conference and noted the move to Overland Park in 2016, for the following three years. She pointed to the handout that shows the increase in food costs in Overland Park. Dorrie Sullivan noted the sponsorships of \$49,000 with \$40,000 from

Foley Equipment. She referenced the increase that would be needed to break even in Overland Park. Dorrie Sullivan said she wanted the board to know the upcoming costs associated with the move to Overland Park, and no action was required by the board, except input from the board on cost-saving measures. There was some discussion about the exhibitors taking members out to dinner to avoid dinner costs, and Sandy Horton explained that at the Sheriffs Association annual conference, he goes around and personally thanks all their vendors at their conference, and they usually take people out for dinner on the second night after the exhibition has ended. Dorrie Sullivan said the best scenario would be more sponsorships that cover additional costs. Otherwise, the board and KAC staff need to cut expenses, mostly associated with food and beverage.

President Bryan recessed the board for ten minutes at 10:42 a.m. He called the meeting back to order at 10:53 a.m. Randall Allen reviewed the makeup of the board and reviewed the succession plan for board members who will be retiring from the board. The board asked about the Kansas Sheriffs Association becoming an affiliate organization of KAC and whether they will be joining the board. Randall Allen said he would need to talk to Sandy Horton about that. Dan Woydziak asked about the Register of Deeds Association and the Treasurers Association, and John Bartolac said the Registers of Deeds were not intending to return to KAC. Randall Allen talked about other associations and their board compositions. He also asked the question whether KAC or KCCA should set the boundaries for representation on the KAC governing board. There was also discussion on urban areas, and how to include them on the board. The five urban counties up for discussion included Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, and Wyandotte. Dan Woydziak said he would like to see movement on representation from the urban counties, and expanding the limit to two persons from the same county, and never more than one commissioner from the same county. Randall Allen said he would focus on adding an urban representative to the board, and review an expansion of the number of members who can represent a county.

Randall Allen presented the election report for the NACO representative. He noted that Richard Malm won the election. Shawn Tasset moved and Marvin Beesley seconded the motion to accept the election report and place it on file. The motion passed.

Richard Malm delivered the NACO report. He said that Sally Cauble was elected president, and she would be attending the KAC annual conference. He noted that inmates in the county jail can use the prescription drug card, which saves county money. During intake of prisoners, they should be signed up for the card to save money. He said his county would save about 37% on prescriptions with the card. He said NACO has programs to save money on vision and hearing, too.

President Bryan provided his report. He noted a particularly difficult budget process this year, especially for the counties with oil interests. He talked about the shrinking tax base, and asked out loud whether it was time to discuss agricultural land valuation. He said the KAC needs to continue to encourage members to develop a rapport with their legislators. He discussed the benefits of the upcoming conference and acknowledged the work of Dorrie Sullivan on the conference. He said he agreed with the description of the board as eclectic, and that term is a benefit to the board.

Randall Allen gave his Executive Director's Report. He noted that the KAC is moving into a new venture, webinar education, and will provide its first webinar on KPERS with KPERS director Alan Conroy. Dennis Kriesel will be working on the webinar technology. Randall Allen said the public health meetings will occur next week, and he and Dennis Kriesel will be participating in those meetings. Randall Allen reminded the board that the KAC has contracted with Ellis County to help them recruit and hire a new administrator. Nathan Eberline has created the job description and recruitment materials. Randall Allen said he and Erik Sartorius met with the Emporia Chamber of Commerce to discuss legislative initiatives. He passed out the Emporia and Lyon County legislative brochure. Dan Woydziak asked about the relationship between the KAC and the LKM and Melissa Wangemann noted that she participated in their policy discussions, and the LKM was invited to attend the KAC policy discussions. Randall Allen mentioned that we need to reach out to the schools, too. Glen Tyson moved and Dan Woydziak seconded a motion to authorize travel for Melissa Wangemann and Nathan Eberline to the IMLA conference, which offers CLE on municipal issues. Shawn Tasset handed out a book that he wanted board members to review, and noted that he wanted the materials considered for a conference workshop. Randall Allen and Gene Bryan explained that the conference agenda is planned.

Board members shared news from their county and affiliate groups. Kerry McCue said KEMSA is looking for mentorship opportunities. Richard Malm said the increased health insurance costs were a major item in his county's budget. Rob Roberts said he got a compliment from a city official about the KAC's legislative program. Robert Boyd said Manhattan mentioned KAC's work too.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.