

Kansas Association of Counties  
Governing Board Minutes  
Topeka, Kansas  
February 26, 2016

Attendance

Board Members Present: Allison **Alejos**, Director of the Shawnee County Health Agency; John **Bartolac**, Johnson County Director of Records and Tax Administration; Robert **Boyd**, Riley County Commissioner; Dianna **Carter**, McPherson County Appraiser; Max **Dibble**, Phillips County Commissioner; Jim **Emerson**, Crawford County Counselor/Past President; Richard **Malm**, NACo Representative; Kerry **McCue**, Ellis County EMS Director; **Rob Roberts**, Miami County Commissioner; Hannah **Stambaugh**, Saline County Emergency Management Director; Glen **Tyson**, Osage County Road Director and Dan **Woydziak**, Butler County Commissioner, President.

Board Members Absent: Fred **Johnson**, Labette County Counselor; Lynn **Peterson**, Dickinson County Commissioner; Clair **Schrock**, Thomas County Noxious Weed Director; Shawn **Tasset**, Ford County Commissioner.

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

Proceedings

President Dan Woydziak called the meeting of the KAC Governing Board to order at 9:59 a.m. President Woydziak called for additions or corrections to the meeting agenda and there were no changes. Max Dibble moved to approve the agenda and Glen Tyson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Woydziak called on the board to review the January minutes and requested a motion to approve them. John Bartolac moved and Rob Roberts seconded the motion to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

President Woydziak moved on to discussion of the bills and payroll. Treasurer Glen Tyson delivered the report noting the disbursements and said there was one small discrepancy of \$3.60. Glen Tyson said the new figure for total disbursements is \$81,266.62. Glen Tyson moved to accept the report and place it on file, and Richard Malm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dennis Kriesel presented the monthly financial report, saying that performance for the year was good, much better than the anticipated budget. KAC saw a gain of \$33,000 instead of the

assumed loss. Dennis Kriesel said most programs saw gains instead of any losses. The annual conference greatly exceeded expectations with nearly a \$20,000 increase. The Local Roads Program generated additional monies even after the loss of KDOT funding. The Operations Program exceeded the budget by \$10,000 and the Business Enterprise exceeded the budget by \$5,000. While KAC lost money on educational programs, it did not lose as much as expected. The Fish and Wildlife Grant is the only program that saw a loss, but that was because the grant was assumed to be concluded in the prior year.

Randall Allen reviewed the secretariat agreement between the KAC and Kansas County Commissioners Association. Rob Roberts moved and Allison Alejos seconded the motion to approve the agreement. The motion passed.

Randall Allen presented the engagement letter with Summers, Spencer & Company for the preparation of financial statements and the provision of financial services for the year 2016. Allison Allejos moved to accept the engagement letter, and Robert Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Richard Malm provided the NACo report. He said the Legislative Conference occurred in the last week. He discussed the committees, and said if anyone wants to be on a committee they should talk to Randall Allen. He discussed the issue of mentally ill inmates in jails, which is a priority legislative issue for NACo. Another NACo program is addressing children in poverty. Richard Malm discussed the candidates for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. He also discussed the additional counties that have joined NACo in the last few months, and said he has a list of additional 5-6 counties that he's working on.

Melissa Wangemann presented the legislative report. She discussed bills affecting counties, and then focused on the upcoming hearings on the tax lid. She and Randall Allen discussed the strategy on the tax lid testimony, and then they reviewed HB 2609, which is the KAC and LKM version of the tax bill. Melissa Wangemann also passed out a rebuttal she prepared in response to a briefing written by Luke Bell, lobbyist for the Kansas Association of Realtors. Rob Roberts discussed his conversation with Jene Vickrey, the House Majority Leader, about the tax lid. Rob Roberts also discussed SB 403 relating to municipal revenues from traffic citations. The board discussed the conservation easement bill, SB 425, and Robert Boyd asked if another entity should regulate easements instead of commissioners in the bill. John Bartolac asked about Secretary Kris Kobach's bill relating to local governments publishing information on elections.

President Dan Woydziak did not have a President's Report.

Randall Allen presented the Executive Director's Report. He reviewed the dues that are owed to KAC, which included four counties that have not paid. He has made contact with all four

counties. He discussed the workshops hosted with the Kansas Leadership Center. He said they had only 12 attendees at the first workshop, with four not showing at the workshop. He asked board members to help advertise the programs back home. He noted that March 24 and April 28 are the next two dates for the workshops. He handed out the KCCA annual conference brochure, advertising the conference on May 3-5.

Randall Allen moved on to discussion about the LCPA contract with the 911 Coordinating Council. He reviewed his memo explaining the LCPA duties under the 911 contract: collecting and distributing the 911 fees from phones; staffing the 911 Coordinating Council; receiving invoices and paying the bills for the Council. Randall Allen noted that the contract pays for Nathan Eberline's position. Randall said the board needs to consider the policy question of whether we continue to provide the services under the LCPA contract. He noted the work does not fall under the mission statement and places work on KAC staff. It benefits KAC by producing money for the budget. The board discussed the issue and Robert Boyd said he was comfortable with a \$200,000 bid. Kerry McCue noted that the Council may observe that the KAC already makes a profit on the contract, based on the level of staff costs invested. Dennis Kriesel talked about how a private vendor might handle the pricing. Hannah Stambaugh asked if KAC is still receiving collection calls on the AT&T bill and Randall Allen reported that the calls had ended and that the chairman of the 911 council addressed the issue immediately. It was the consensus of the Board that KAC pursue renewal of the LCPA contract with a price that would allow for hiring additional staff to handle the 911 work.

Robert Boyd gave an update on the NACo legislative committee and discussions to privatize the air traffic control system. He said the issue is presently inactive. He noted the Rural Action Caucus needs assistance. He said he talked with Johnson County officials about a legislative meal, which KAC has sponsored in the past. Randall Allen suggested that KAC discuss the meal expense during this year's budget discussion. Dianna Carter noted that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of counties in the lawsuit on freezing values.

The board meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.