Kansas Association of Counties
Governing Board Minutes
May 26, 2016

Attendance

Board Members Present: 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 Councilor/Past President; Fred Johnson, Labette County Councilor; Kerry McCue, Ellis County EMS Director; Clair Schrock, Thomas County Noxious Weed Director; 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: Allison Alejos, Director of the Shawnee County Health Agency; Richard Malm, NACo Representative; and Lynn Peterson, Dickinson County Commissioner.

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

Proceedings

President Dan Woydziak called the meeting of the KAC Governing Board to order at 10:03 a.m.

President Woydziak called on the board to review and approve the agenda. Rob Roberts moved and Robert Boyd seconded the motion to adopt the proposed agenda. The motion passed.

President Woydziak called for a motion to approve the minutes. Claire Schrock moved to approve the minutes and John Bartolac seconded the motion to approve the March 2016 minutes. The motion passed.

President Woydziak called on Dennis Kriesel who presented the monthly financial report. Dennis Kriesel noted a sizable net income gain in the month of March, even though the employment of a contract lobbyist during that time period was not in the budget. The gain is attributable to income produced by the annual conference and a small surge from 911 funds from underpayments due in January and February. Dennis Kriesel anticipates a net loss by year end, due to the hiring of the contract lobbyist and the additional expenses arising from the new annual conference venue.
Randall Allen introduced Chris Courtright, Principal Economist for Legislative Research, to present an overview of the 2016 session relating to tax and budget issues. Chris reviewed two handouts, one on the tax lid and the other on the omnibus tax bill, and took questions from the board members. Chris noted that the state is “broke, very broke” and commented on the impending court decision on school finance. Randall Allen asked about the multi-state streamlined tax agreement and federal legislation on the issue, which would bring in more tax revenues.

Melissa Wangemann provided the legislative report, reviewing the one-page handout on the tax lid and also the 31-page legislative summary. After discussing the tax lid she reviewed other bills that affected counties. Randall Allen and Nathan Eberline also added comments about the 2016 legislative session.

President Woydziak gave his President’s Report, and thanked the KAC staff for the work they do on legislative issues and other items handled by the KAC. He also reminded the board members about the board meeting in August, which will take place in Hays, Kansas.

Randall Allen presented the Executive Director’s report. He reviewed his memo outlining various topics. He reviewed the attendance and issues discussed at the KCCA annual conference in May. He said the number of attendees at the KCCA annual conference continues to slip. There are over 350 commissioners throughout the state, with 112 commissioners attending the conference. He mentioned the idea of going to regional meetings instead of just one annual conference within the state. He also discussed the field work for the KAC audit was just recently conducted at the KAC office, noting Dennis handled the field work very efficiently. The auditing staff indicated that there will be no management letter and no deficiencies.

Randall Allen passed out the new logo and branding for KAC. As noted in his performance goals for 2016, Randall Allen said he was responsible for developing a new logo. He explained that he worked with Christine Ulrich, a local designer, to adopt a new KAC brand.

Randall Allen requested travel authorization for upcoming travel in the summer and fall of 2016 for KAC staff and board members. Robert Boyd moved and Glen Tyson seconded the motion to approve the travel, and the motion passed.

Randall Allen said that the 41st Annual Conference will host Governor Bill Graves who is now the executive director for the American Trucking Association in Washington, D.C. Randall Allen noted that 14 confirmed sponsors have contributed $66,000, thanks to the work of Dana Wethington. Randall Allen highlighted potential workshop topics, including railroad safety, tax lid implementation, aging populations, cyber security, wireless deployment and public health issues.
Randall Allen closed out his report discussing the Kansas Leadership Center partnership with KAC. Three workshops were presented in February, March and April. Thirty-eight county officials and employees from 17 counties attended the workshops.

Shawn Tasset said that NACo called for comments to the proposed rule on Bureau of Land Management 2.0 and his county and others involved in the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition filed comments to the rule. Shawn Tasset said the rule will affect land use in Kansas.

With no other business before the board, the board meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.