

Kansas Association of Counties
Governing Board Minutes
January 26, 2017
Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas

Attendance

Board Members Present: Allison **Alejos**, Director of the Shawnee County Health Department; John **Bartolac**, Johnson County Director of Records and Tax Administration; Jeff **Blosser**, Morris County Engineer and Road Supervisor; Dianna **Carter**, McPherson County Appraiser; Max **Dibble**, Phillips County Commissioner; Ed **Eilert**, Urban County Representative; Fred **Johnson**, Labette County Counselor; Dave **Johnston**, Sedgwick County EMS Operations Manager; Richard **Malm**, NACo Representative; Lynn **Peterson**, Dickinson County Commissioner; Lon **Pishny**, Finney County Commissioner; **Rob Roberts**, Miami County Commissioner; Clair **Schrock**, Thomas County Noxious Weed Director; Gary **Scoby**, Nemaha County Commissioner; Hannah **Stambaugh**, Saline County Emergency Management Director; Barbara **Wasinger**, Rural County Representative; and Dan **Woydziak**, Butler County Commissioner.

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

Proceedings

President Allison Alejos called the meeting of the KAC Governing Board to order at 9:00 a.m. She welcomed the new board members, Barbara Wasinger, Ellis County Commissioner and Ed Eilert, Chairman of the Johnson County Board of Commissioners. President Alejos called for any additions or corrections to the agenda, and there were no additions or changes. A motion and second were offered to approve the December 9, 2016 minutes and the motion passed.

Executive Director Randall Allen introduced Duane Goossen, Senior Fellow for the Kansas Center for Economic Growth, who discussed the state budget and the tax policy leading up to the budgetary problems. He discussed the short-term fixes that the state legislature has used to close the budget hole, such as borrowing from the Kansas Department of Transportation. He discussed the Governor's proposed budget remedy and other possible tax policy changes to remedy the situation.

President Alejos called on Melissa Wangemann to provide a legislative report. Wangemann discussed the bills relating to increased truck weights, concealed carry, and the use of the PMIB state monies to balance the state budget. She also reviewed the list of bills that are published with the Friday legislative update, which KAC is monitoring. Randall Allen shared with the

board the discussions about water occurring at the Capitol. He noted that the mood of the legislature had improved and it was much more enjoyable to be at the Capitol.

Randall Allen reviewed the 2017 governing board notebooks with the board members, noting the different tabs and the different sections of information for board members. He noted the schedule for affiliate and associate associations, as well as the business partnerships of KAC.

Randall Allen reviewed the secretariat agreement between KAC and the Kansas County Counselors Association of Kansas with the board members. Richard Malm moved to approve the agreement and Lynn Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board broke for lunch at 11:00 a.m. and returned to their seats for a working lunch.

Randall Allen presented his Executive Director's Report, reviewing the program for the New Commissioners' Orientation that occurred in January. He noted Hannah Stambaugh's popular presentation on public safety. He also noted the presence of former NACo president Linda Langston, and Mary Birch at the orientation meetings. He noted during his report that the board will need to make decisions on future annual conferences in terms of location and timing, and he was unable to present that information today but will present the information at the next meeting.

Allison Alejos presented her President's Report. She noted that her Facebook page indicated that Rob Roberts had been elected vice chair of the Mid-America Regional Council, and she congratulated him on his selection. She also noted that Hannah Stambaugh was able to give a real-life example of emergency management at the Topeka orientation meeting, based on the weather that day.

Richard Malm presented his NACo report. He discussed the Tallahassee NACo meeting, including the rural action meeting. The group discussed youth and rural poverty this year. He suggested the board members review the NACo legislative priority list, which is contained in the board notebooks. He also discussed the regional NACo meetings, and encouraged board members to attend. He discussed the perks of joining NACo, such as free registration for the annual conference. He gave a special thanks to Sedgwick County for rejoining NACo.

President Alejos called on Treasurer Dianna Carter, who presented the bills and payroll for January 26, 2017. She noted a \$20 discrepancy that when corrected would create total disbursements of \$226,459.22. John Bartolac moved and Dan Woydziak seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dennis Kriesel presented the monthly financial report for November 2016. He reviewed the reports provided by the accounting firm and his memo. He said the net assets of KAC at the end

of December was (\$38,000), based on the payment of the annual conference bills. He expects the annual conference to post a profit over \$30,000, noting the work of Dana Wethington to acquire sponsorships, and the work of Dorrie Sullivan on keeping costs in check. Summer, Spencer and Company had been accruing revenue for a compensation survey that KAC sponsors, which is run by a third-party vendor. SSC was showing the revenue from the compensation survey, however it was discovered that KAC never invoiced the counties who participated in the compensation survey. He said the actual loss would be approximately \$15,000 to KAC, which was assumed revenue reflected in the 2016 budget. He also discussed Norm Bowers' program, noting he contained his costs beyond the budget, and Kriesel also noted the unexpected expenditure in 2016 for a contract lobbyist on the tax lid. Fred Johnson asked about invoicing for the 2016 survey. Randall Allen said the rollout of the compensation survey was difficult and he made the decision to invoice for 2017 and eat the lost revenue for 2016. Allison Alejos asked if KAC paid for the survey system and whether it was available to the counties. Randall Allen said it was available to those participating back in 2015 who paid an initial fee. He said, of the 93 counties that participated, only 40-something entered their information, and he did not think KAC should bill them. Randall Allen also noted it might be a consideration to include the costs of the survey in the dues, and making the compensation survey available to all the counties. Lon Pishny moved to place the financial report on file, and Richard Malm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen asked the board members for feedback on the joint Local Government Day with the League of Kansas Municipalities. Fred Johnson suggested a program that is longer than one hour with legislators. He suggested a program that might draw more people to the event. Dorrie Sullivan gave a report on the attendance numbers, saying the attendance was similar to previous years. Richard Malm and Lon Pishny suggested that the two groups continue to host the program. Dianna Carter suggested a longer program as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.