Kansas Association of Counties
Governing Board Minutes
July 19, 2017
via conference call

Attendance

Board Members Present: Nick Baldetti, Director of the Reno County Health Department; John Bartolac, Johnson County Director of Records and Tax Administration; Jeff Blosser, Morris County Engineer and Road Supervisor; Max Dibble, Phillips County Commissioner; Ed Eilert, Urban County Representative; Patti Israel, Ford County Appraiser; Fred Johnson, Labette County Counselor.; Dave Johnston, Sedgwick County EMS Operations Manager; Richard Malm, NACo Representative; Gary Scoby, Nemaha County Commissioner; Hannah Stambaugh, Saline County Emergency Management Director; Barbara Wasinger, Rural County Representative; and Dan Woydziak, Butler County Commissioner.

Board Members Absent: Lynn Peterson, Dickinson County Commissioner; Lon Pishny, Finney County Commissioner; Rob Roberts, Miami County Commissioner; and Clair Schrock, Thomas County Noxious Weed Director.

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 Max Dibble called the meeting of the KAC Governing Board to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed the news members, Nick Baldetti, Director of the Reno County Health Department, and Patti Israel, Ford County Appraiser. Nick Baldetti replaced Allison Alejos as the representative for the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments and Patti Israel replaced Dianna Carter as the representative for the Kansas County Appraisers Association. President Dibble called on Randall Allen for roll call. On the first roll call Clair Schrock Lynn Peterson, Lon Pishny, Rob Roberts, and Barbara Wasinger did not respond.

Max Dibble corrected the agenda to change the agenda item of President’s Report to be delivered by Max Dibble instead of past president Dan Woydziak. Max Dibble pointed out an amendment to the minutes relating to the financial report. John Bartolac moved to approve the minutes as amended, and Dan Woydziak seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Max Dibble called on Dennis Kriesel to provide the financial report. He said that all programs lost money in May, with the exception of the Operations and Business Enterprise Services. He noted that the annual conference was not yet open for registration. He said two programs are
running negative: Legislative and Local Roads. Dennis Krisesl said that the educational programs have not met expenses. He said that Foley Equipment will be reducing its sponsorship for this year’s conference. The budget expectation for sponsors is $55,000 but the budget is year-to-date at 8.55% of the goal, which does not reflect the Foley Equipment sponsorship. A board member asked what Foley was providing and Dorrie Sullivan said it is $35,000 instead of $40,000 as in the past. Randall Allen and Dorrie Sullivan said it would drop to $20,000 in the following year. Dan Woydziak moved to accept the financial report and place it on file, and Jeff Blosser seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Dibble called on Dusty Wagoner with Berberich Trahan and Company to present the audit report for the year ending December 31, 2016. Mr. Wagoner provided the background information and the protocol for conducting the audit. He said the audit found two adjustments relating to accounts payable and deferred revenue. He found one other issue relating to payroll accrual but nothing rose to the point of a material concern. He said the audit was a “clean bill of health” and no management letter will be issued.

Dan Woydziak moved to accept the audit report and place it on file, and John Bartolac seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randall Allen presented the 2017-18 board succession. He explained the effects of the Bylaws and other associations’ nominating process on the succession plan. He said that the KAC board has a reorganizational meeting every December. He said the terms will be up for the Northwest and Southeast commissioner seats, who will be eligible for re-election. The South Central commissioner will also be up for election, but the current board member is ineligible due to term limits. Patti Israel is completing the unexpired term of Dianna Carter and Nick Baldetti is completing the unexpired term of Allison Alejos, and will be eligible for re-election by their associations.

President Dibble called on Richard Malm to provide the NACo Report. He said the annual conference will begin this Friday and end on Monday. He suggested that board members talk to any non-member counties that are near their counties about the benefits of membership in NACo.

President Dibble moved to agenda item #9 on the annual conference. Dorrie Sullivan provided a report on the annual conference registrations. She said that 107 members have registered for the conference, which places KAC at 24% of the target registration, which is behind from last year. Dorrie Sullivan said we are not offering early bird registrations this year, which is likely affecting the numbers. She discussed exhibition space, noting that they are a bit ahead from last year, and Dana Wethington continues to work vendors. They are working on sponsorships, but getting more than $1,000 in sponsorships has been difficult. Max Dibble asked about hotel
registration, and Dorrie Sullivan said going forward, KAC will open the hotel block at a later
date, so that counties are not reserving rooms early and then dropping them right before the
conference, which causes KAC to pick up the costs. Counties making reservations are also
charged the first night hotel expense when they reserve. Randall Allen said that Matt Chase will
be speaking at the KAC annual conference. The board members talked about the registration
rates and some ideas to increase registration. Ed Eilert suggested contacting the K.C. Royals
about getting a speaker at the annual conference.

Randall Allen presented his Executive Director’s report. On a point of personal privilege, he
thanked the board members for their comments, cards and donations following his mother’s
death.

He also discussed the NACo election, whichsecured 34 ballots electing Richard Malm as the
NACo representative.

Randall Allen noted that the County Counselors Association of Kansas provided six hours of CLE
at the end of June. Randall Allen and Melissa Wangemann taught a class last week on
intergovernmental relations. He discussed the NACo elections and the process of electing
NACo officers.

President Dibble provided his President’s Report. He noted the thank you letter he received
from Anna Mae Allen’s family and from Randall Allen. President Dibble noted the medical
issues that Lynn Peterson’s wife Paula is suffering and extended his thoughts to Lynn and his
family. He asked board members to promote the annual conference to other counties.

President Dibble moved to #12 of the agenda, relating to the August board meeting, which
generally occurs at a site chosen by the President. This year’s August board meeting will be in
Wilson, Kansas. Randall Allen noted that the board will be discussing strategic planning at 7:00
p.m. Thursday evening, before the Friday board meeting.

Jeff Blosser discussed the national conference for the national association of county engineers,
which would be occurring in Wichita, Kansas in 2019. Gary Scoby noted that his county will be
heavily populated in August for the viewing of the full solar eclipse.

Max Dibble called on Randall Allen to do a closing roll call. Those absent at the close of the
meeting were: Lynn Peterson, Lon Pishny, Rob Roberts and Clair Schrock.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.