Kansas Association of Counties
Governing Board Minutes
February 23, 2018
Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas

Attendance
Board Members Present: Nick Baldetti, Director of the Reno County Health Department; John Bartolac, Johnson County Director of Records and Tax Administration; Craig Cox, Riley County Assistant Counselor; Max Dibble, Phillips County Commissioner, Ed Eilert, Urban County Representative; President; Susan Hubbell, Kingman County Register of Deeds; Lynn Peterson, Dickinson County Commissioner; Lon Pishny, Finney County Commissioner; Bob Roberts, Miami County Commissioner; Hannah Stambaugh, Saline County Emergency Management Director Barb Wasinger, Rural County Representative; and Chip Westfall, Harvey County Commissioner.

Absent
Jeff Blosser, Morris County Engineer and Road Supervisor, Patti Israel, Ford County Appraiser; Dave Johnston, Sedgwick County EMS Operations Manager; Gary Scoby, Nemaha County Commissioner; 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 10:00 a.m. He called for any changes to the agenda, and there were no suggested changes. Richard Malm moved and Nick Baldetti seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

President Dibble called on the board to review the minutes. John Bartolac moved to approve the minutes, and Richard Malm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Dibble called on Hannah Stambaugh to review the bills and payroll for February 23, 2018. She noted distributions of $53,214.10 with no discrepancies. She asked for a motion to approve bills and payroll and Barb Wasinger moved to approve and Lynn Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Dibble called on Dennis Kriesel to present the monthly financial statements for December 2017. He reviewed his memo and said the 2018 year ended up with a net loss of
$17,528 instead of a projected $72,600. He said the annual conference saw a net increase in revenue of $69,000 even though attendance was down. Dennis Kriesel attributed the increase to sponsorships secured by Dana Wethington and cost-saving moves made by Dorrie Sullivan such as stacking workshops in one day and reducing food expenses and audio equipment. He expected the annual conference to make $7,000 and instead is made $69,000. The board thanked Dorrie and Dana for their work. Craig Cox asked about the line item on legislative research and Dennis Kriesel explained that it included his research, and resource items used by Melissa Wangemann and Nathan Eberline for legislative and legal work. Craig Cox also asked about the local road program. Dennis Kriesel explained the program and how it pays for Norm Bowers’ work as the Road Engineer. Chip Westfall moved to place the report on file and Craig Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Dibble turned to agenda item #6 to approve the secretariat agreement for the Kansas County Commissioners Association. Randall Allen explained the work that KAC does for KCCA and noted the agreed amount is $17,850 for the current year. The amount does not reflect the cost of producing a directory, which is done every other year. Lon Pishny moved to approve the agreement, and Barb Wasinger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Melissa Wangemann reviewed the KAC governance guidelines, noting the roles of board members to exercise their fiduciary duties including the duty of care and the duty of loyalty to the association and its members.

Ed Eilert moved to approve the resolution approving the governance guidelines. Lon Pishny seconded the motion. The motion passed. Board members signed the signature line indicating their understanding of the guidelines.

Max Dibble provided his President’s Report. He said he had wanted to meet with the new Governor. He spoke to him recently at a local event and Melissa Wangemann is working to arrange a meeting with Governor Jeff Colyer for her, Max Dibble and Lon Pishny. Max Dibble expressed his appreciation for the board’s attendance at the board meetings, noting the importance of being heard to discuss the important issues affecting KAC.

Randall Allen delivered his Executive Director’s report. He reviewed his handout on the status of membership dues, webinars and the local road engineer dues. He noted that the dues invoices went out in December and noted what dues were still outstanding. He said that Chautauqua said they would not renew their dues. Lon Pishny asked if KAC had solicited feedback from Chautauqua to determine if they were not renewing due to budgetary issues or because they were not receiving the desired services from KAC. Lon said it’s better to lobby legislators saying we have 105 counties.
Randall Allen also reviewed the new program of Webinar Wednesdays and the subscription to the program. He noted the first webinar had 35 people who watched it live and then 31 watched it afterwards. For the second webinar on harassment there were 28 registered and 24 attended, with 74 who viewed the broadcast later. Dorrie Sullivan discussed how KAC picked the topics.

Randall Allen said he had talked to David Luke with KCAMP about increasing their financial support to KAC. They said they would offer another $10,000 as support for KAC.

Randall Allen reviewed his letter drafted to Erik Sartorius with the League of Kansas Municipalities requesting that KAC renegotiate its lease in the LKM building. He explained to the board why KAC needs less space, based on contract employees and electronic storage of documents. Max Dibble asked if the lease included parking spots, and Randall Allen said the lease as discussed in the letter does not include the parking spots. Nick Baldetti indicated that KALHD plans to continue the relationship with KAC and desires to be located in the same building. Richard Malm moved and Nick Baldetti seconded a motion to send a letter to the LKM about adjusting the lease for KAC’s space. The motion passed.

Randall Allen also reviewed the master calendar, noting the regional and other meetings across the state. He noted the August meeting will be in Manhattan. He said there would be a Essentials of County Government workshop the week before.

Melissa Wangemann provided the legislative report. She noted that the legislature has just passed turnaround, when bills must pass their originating chamber. She discussed legislation relating to property taxes and provided an update on the tax lid legislation. She also discussed the Election Commissioner bill, and other bills relating to noxious weeds, amusement rides, and 911.

Richard Malm gave his NACo report. He showed a map of the counties that are members of NACo and asked board members to help solicit members.

President Dibble announced the next board meeting is March 23, 2018 and will be a conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.