

Kansas Association of Counties
Governing Board Minutes
August 24, 2018
Bluemont Hotel, 1212 Bluemont Ave., Manhattan, KS

Attendance

Board Members Present: Nick **Baldetti**, Reno County Public Health Director; John **Bartolac**, Johnson County Director of Records and Tax Administration; Jeff **Blosser**, Morris County Engineer; Craig **Cox**, Riley County Assistant Counselor; Max **Dibble**, Phillips County Commissioner, Ed **Eilert**, Chairman, Board of Johnson County Commissioners; Susan **Hubbell**, Kingman County Register of Deeds; Patti **Israel**, Ford County Appraiser; Dave **Johnston**, Sedgwick County EMS Operations Manager; Richard **Malm**, NACo Representative, Jefferson County Commissioner; Lynn **Peterson**, Dickinson 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**, Ellis County Commissioner; and Chip **Westfall**, Harvey County Commissioner.

Absent

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Others Present: Randall **Allen**, KAC Executive Director; Dennis **Kriesel**, Operations and Finance Director; Dorrie **Sullivan**, Education & Communications Director; Michael **Pepoon**, Interim Legal Counsel; Betty **Oliva**, Office Manager.

Proceedings

President Max Dibble called the meeting of the KAC Governing Board to order at 9:00 a.m. He called for any changes to the agenda, and there were no suggested changes. John Bartolac moved and Dave Johnston seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

President Dibble called on the board to review the July 27, 2018 minutes. Chip Westfall moved to approve the minutes, and John Bartolac seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Dibble called on Hannah Stambaugh to review the bills and payroll for August 24, 2018. She noted distributions of \$156,746.33 with no discrepancies. She asked for a motion to approve the bills and payroll, Gary Scoby moved to approve and Barbara Wasinger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Dibble called on Dennis Kriesel to present the June 2018 monthly financial statements and a review of the June, 2018 summary addressing questions on specific items. Rob Roberts moved to place the report on file and Lynn Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Dibble reported on the appointment of the **Nominating Committee for 2019 KAC Leadership being:** Craig Cox, Richard Malm, Dave Johnston and Max Dibble.

Richard Malm, NACo Board member, gave highlights of the **White House visit** while attending the NACo meeting in August. Additional Board Members, President Dibble, Rob Roberts, Chip Westfall, Gary Scoby and Lyn Peterson also gave a report on their experiences.

Mike Pepoon briefed the KAC Board on the request to participate in the preparation of an amicus brief. **The Kansas League of Municipalities has asked the KAC to join in an amicus brief** to overturn the Kansas Court of Appeals decision in *Stormont-Vail Healthcare, Inc. v. Board of County Commissioners for Jackson County*. The Kansas Sheriff's Association has already made the decision to join in the amicus brief. Board discussion ensued. Ed Eilert moved to support the costs with three agencies and a cap of \$1,000.00. The three agencies being: The Kansas League of Municipalities, The Kansas Sheriff's Association and The Kansas Association of Counties. Chip Westfall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dorrie Sullivan, Education and Communications Director, briefed the board on the status of the **43rd Annual Conference**, October 15-17, 2018 reporting that registrations are behind as of this date and asked the board to encourage counties to attend the conference. Additional discussion included looking at future conferences held in October, with October being a high demand month for conferences and challenging for securing a venue. Menu choices were distributed for the Board & Staff Dinner on Sunday, October 14th. RSVP's are needed no later than October 1st.

Randall Allen delivered his Executive Director's report, first with presenting the board with a personal written statement addressing his retirement intentions in 2019 when he turns 65. In his statement he addressed preparations, steps and recommendations for a smooth transition. His anticipated target date is for the 4th quarter of 2019, staying through the 2019 KAC Conference.

Additional items of topic include the renewal on the **building lease with the League of Kansas Municipalities**. Dennis reviewed the specifications and financial costs on the terms for a 1-year lease and square footage details. Mike Pepoon has reviewed the lease and reported that it looks legal and proper. KAC will pay LKM the total lease amount with the sub-lesers, KALD and Health Care Stabilization Fund paying KAC for their portion. Craig Cox moved to approve the lease agreement and Clair Schrock seconded the motion. The motion passed. Craig Cox added for KAC to actively search now in finding a new location, the sooner the better. Final interviews are scheduled for next week for **the Legislative Policy Director**. Max Dibble, Craig Cox, Mike Pepoon

and Randall Allen will conduct the interviews and have an expected hire date of October 1st. **The Legislative Policy Committee** will meet by conference call format on August 31st at 9:00AM to elect a Chair for next year and review the proposals received from the county. Their next meeting will be September 21, 2018 comprising of the Legislative Policy committee, the KAC Board members and Associate Organizations. They will meet in person at 10:00AM to 3:00PM for a full review of the proposals with lunch being served. The **KAC Board** will have three new board members; Don Pyle, Crawford County, Mixie Vance, Jackson County and Brian Stone, Cowley County. KAC Board re-appointments will be Barbara Wasinger, Ellis County and Dave Johnston, Sedgwick County. Richard Malm is up for his third term with NACo. **Transportation Vision Task Force** - Next, Randall Allen read an email from Norm Bowers, local road engineer who attended a meeting with KDOT where there was talk of raising the gas tax to offset some of the funds that were being transferred from KDOT. Those suggesting raising the fuel tax wanted all the additional funds to go to KDOT and proposed to do that by lowering the percentage of the tax that went to Cities and Counties. This issue may surface again at the Transportation Vision Task Force and the Highway Association would like KAC on record as opposed to this type of proposal. This should be an item for discussion at the meetings. County officials need to become part of the project and need to line up county commissioners to testify at each of the scheduled hearings across the state.

President Dibble provided his **President's Report**. Reviewed the instructions and deadlines for submitting testimonies for the Transportation Vision Task Force scheduled meetings. Additional Board discussion ensued. The next KAC Board Meeting will be on September 28, 2018 at 9:00 by Conference Call Format, Budget. The 2018 KAC Conference Board/Staff dinner is on Sunday, October 14th, at the Hereford House, 5001 Town Center Drive, Leawood, KS.

Executive Session. Craig Cox moved that the following KAC Governing Board members recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel justification to the Kansas Open Meeting Act in order to discuss performance matters, with the open meeting to resume at Bluemont Hotel, 1212 Bluemont Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas on August 24, 2018 at 11:45a.m., seconded by Ed Eilert. Motion carried. Participants in the closed session are **Jeff Blosser, Patti Israel, Rob Roberts, Ed Eilert, Barbara Wasinger, Nick Baldetti, Dave Johnston, Susan Hubbell, Craig Cox, Max Dibble, Hanna Stambaugh, Clair Schrock, Gary Scoby, Richard Malm, Lynn Peterson, Geo. A. "Chip" Westfall, John A. Bartolac.** The Executive Session came out at 11:45AM, no binding action taken. Chip Westfall moved to extend the Executive Session to 12:00 noon, seconded by Gary Scoby. Motion carried. The Executive Session then ended at 12:00 noon, no binding action taken.

The regular KAC Board meeting resumed at 12:00p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.