

Kansas Association of Counties  
Governing Board Minutes  
March 23, 2018  
via conference call

Attendance

Board Members Present: 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; **Rob Roberts**, Miami County Commissioner; Hannah **Stambaugh**, Saline County Emergency Management Director Barbara **Wasinger**, Rural County Representative; and Chip **Westfall**, Harvey County Commissioner.

Absent

First Roll Call: Nick **Baldetti**, Director of the Reno County Health Department; Jeff **Blosser**, Morris County Engineer and Road Supervisor; Susan **Hubbell**, Kingman County Register of Deeds; and Richard **Malm**, NACo Representative were absent. Jeff Blosser and Susan Hubbell joined the conference call after the first roll call.

Second Roll Call at the end of the meeting: Nick Baldetti and Richard Malm were absent.

Others Present: Randall Allen, KAC Executive Director; Dennis Kriesel, Operations and Finance 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. President Dibble called on the board to review the minutes. Barbara Wasinger moved to approve the minutes, and John Bartolac seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Dibble called on Melissa Wangemann to provide the legislative report. Melissa Wangemann reviewed several issues arising during the 2018 session, including bills relating to noxious weeds, amusement rides, property taxes and the tax lid, and the broadband and transportation task forces. She thanked Lon Pishny for coming to Topeka to speak to the Senate Utilities Committee about broadband and Ed Eilert for speaking to the Senate Taxation Committee. She noted that the Election Commissioner bill would likely be moved into another bill or conference committee report in order to pass it.

Randall Allen delivered his Executive Director's report. He reviewed the webinar subscriptions saying only nine counties have not subscribed and also reviewed the online salary survey level of participation. He discussed the Local Road Engineer program, noting that three counties have not paid their dues. Dues for the Kansas County Commissioners Association are slow to come in, with six counties that have not subscribed to KCCA. He reminded the board that he discussed the KAC lease with Erik Sartorius of the League of Kansas Municipalities, and noted that he had a follow-up with the Health Stabilization Fund, which leases the second floor. They are needing more office space and may be interested in leasing our offices. Randall Allen said he had talked with David Luke of KCAMP. Randall Allen reviewed the KCCA agenda, noting that attorney David Cooper would review the *Nielander* case. He also noted that the KCCA agenda includes discussion on immigration and cyber security. Randall Allen said KAC would offer a pre-conference class on employment law. He noted the upcoming regional meetings including meetings in Concordia, Chanute and Colby. He reminded the governing board of the next meeting on Friday, May 25.

President Dibble provided his President's Report. President Dibble noted that three Kansas colleges went to the NCAA championship and how proud he was of our Kansas basketball teams. He noted that the KCAMP sponsorship and changes to the lease would help with the KAC bottom line. President Dibble said he would like to see a good turnout at the KCCA conference. He thanked those board members who are participating in leadership roles and helping with legislative work by testifying on bills. He reminded the board that the next meeting is May 25.

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