

Kansas Association of Counties
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
KHI Building, Big Bluestem Room
212 SW 8th Ave., Topeka, KS 66603
January 24, 2019

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Craig **Cox**, Riley County Assistant Counselor; Max **Dibble**, Phillips County Commissioner; 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; Lon **Pishny**, Finney County Commissioner; Don **Pyle**, Crawford County Clerk; Rob **Roberts**, Miami County Commissioner; Brian **Stone**, Cowley County Emergency Management Director; Mixie **Vance**, Jackson County Noxious Weed Director; Robert **Vidricksen**, Saline County Commissioner; G.A. "Chip" **Westfall**, Harvey County Commissioner.

Others Present: Dennis **Kriesel**, Interim Executive Director; Jay **Hall**, Legislative Policy Director & General Counsel; Dorrie **Sullivan**, Education & Communications Director; Betty **Oliva**, Office Manager; Hannah **Stambaugh**, Saline County Emergency Management Director, former 218 KAC Board member.

Absent: Nick **Baldetti**, Reno County Public Health Director; Jeff **Blosser**, Morris County Engineer; Ed **Eilert**, Chairman, Board of Johnson County Commissioners; Gary **Scoby**, Nemaha County Commissioner.

Proceedings:

President Craig Cox called the meeting of the KAC Governing Board to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken with signing in on the attendance sheet, everyone introduced themselves.

President Cox called for approval of the KAC Governing Board Minutes from November 16, 2018 unless there were any changes or corrections. With no changes noted, Max Dibble moved to approve. Rob Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Bills and Payroll Report: Bob Vidricksen reported in Gary Scoby's absence that everything was in order with total disbursements of \$297,135.66 dated January 24, 2019 and asked for a motion to approve. Rob Roberts made a motion to approve. Chip Westfall seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Dennis Kriesel presented a summary of the September 2018 Financial Statements. Annual Conference is not yet reflecting all the expenses. It is likely that KAC won't show a loss for 2018. Some discussion ensued on dues, deferred dues and possible items to be written off. Additional discussion on KAC's sweep accounts, interest bearing accounts and the checking account. With no other questions, Dennis asked for a motion to approve the September 2018

Financial Statements. Don Pyle made a motion to approve. Seconded by Lon Pishny. Motion carries.

Jay Hall presented a review of Governance Guidelines for the upcoming year and for the board members.

Dennis provided a review of the board binder materials now found online with all documents accessible on google drive. Included is a document for everyone to sign in relation to understanding the role as a KAC Board member and turn in to the February meeting.

President Cox addressed the appointment of the Rural Representative. The process is to send a notice for receiving applications. Two applications have been received to date. Craig asked for a discussion on the applications. Various concerns were expressed for representation across the state, having demographic representation on the Board. Rob Roberts clarified the rules being set up to receive applications, make a selection, excluding lobbying. Chip Westfall made a motion to hold the two applications received, re-clarify the announcement, extend the deadline for an additional 30 days. Seconded by Bob Vidricksen. A question is on the floor with concerns on the process used for selecting the Rural Representative position. Discussion followed on ethicalness, reviewing the current process and how best to proceed. President Craig Cox reviewed that a motion was made to extend the deadline that was seconded with additional discussions and asked the Board if we are ready to vote on the motion or if more discussion is needed. Lon Pishny called the question, the original motion was reviewed with additional discussions on the qualifications required for consideration. President Craig Cox asked to review the motion: hold the two applications received sending each one a letter, extend for an additional 30 days, re-clarify the announcement, increase the publication using email, County Comment, *Legislative Update*, and Norm Bowers monthly letter, include a list of affiliations for qualified applicants. The motion carried: 2 nays; Rob Roberts and Brian Stone. Chip Westfall made a motion to re-set the new deadline as Friday, February 15, 2019 with the KAC office to be notified. Lon Pishny seconded the motion. Motion carries.

It was noted that Mixie Vance can no longer represent her new county of employment as it is currently represented by Gary Scoby. Jay Hall clarified that she is able to vote at today's current Board meeting. Noxious Weed Association will appoint a new representative.

Adjournment for lunch 11:45 meeting called back to order at 12:35 pm.

Jay Hall gave a Legislative update and can be followed on Twitter for weekly updates: **@jayhallks** is his Twitter handle and also Tweets from **@kansascouties**

Jay gave testimony on current tax bills for sales tax reissuance. Opportunity for not having to keep reupping approval for tax sales. Resolution for constitutional home rule.

He also updated: No bills yet for tax lid, possibly upcoming. Rural revitalization waiting till 2020 to present new legislation.

Richard Malm, Hannah Stambaugh and Dennis Kriesel are asking for guidance on legislative support from other entities such as KCAMP. Re: law enforcement pursuits. All emergency vehicles. League introduced to limit liabilities. Board requesting more information from the League on what created this need for this legislation. Currently on hold. 911 first talk about elimination of coordinating council new bill asking for 1.03 cord council to get operations fund for att Esie net etc...proposal not good for counties as a whole.

Richard Malm, NACO representative for KAC reported on the farm bill, broadband, U.S. water, infrastructure.

Lon Pishny gave update on broadband committee. Also gave handout on the Senate Sub asking for input on priority. HB2701(2018).

Max Dibble gave update on the Transportation Taskforce. Biggest concern is funding. Tax fuel is protected by constitution. Max had a great time and learned a lot.

Communications report was given by Dorrie Sullivan updating the Board on KAC's new website, the new provider is Spinnaker Company. A summary on the New Commissioners Orientation workshop had 68 in attendance. Local Government Day having 120 sign up and 10 walk ins for a great turnout. Discussion followed on working with the League in helping to maintain speakers. The Board consensus was to continue having legislative gatherings with the League, next year's is currently scheduled for January 22, 2020.

Craig Cox, gave his Presidents report.

He requested action to finalize job description for Executive Director position.

Richard Malm suggested hiring a headhunter under 30 thousand.

Lon Pishny made a motion to first consider internal search by asking NACO and the League of Municipalities for assistance and also suggested National City County. Seconded by Bob Vidricksen. Motion carries.

Craig also thought that a Law Clerk could fill in on committee. Discussion on how to assist Dennis and the staff during this transition period.

Chip Westfall made suggestion for staff to figure out what they need and hire, after consulting with the Executive Board.

Lon Pishny made motion for Dennis Kriesel to address immediate help needs within the office and consult Executive Board. Seconded by Max Dibble. Motion carries.

President Craig Cox spoke of intentions to speak with County Treasurers about joining the KAC. John Bartolac and Susan Hubbell are going to accompany Craig at that meeting on February 13, 2019 in Topeka KS at the County Treasurers annual meeting.

Dennis Kriesel finished giving his report.

Section 4.01 business travel and 2.01 compensation. Motion by Patti Israel to approve both changes and change travel mileage to 100 miles. Seconded by Chip Westfall. motion carries. Dennis also explained that Go-fiber is telecom (CYSCO).

Jay Hall is also managing the KCCA contract.

Executive Session: At 3:09PM Max Dibble made a motion that the KAC 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 for 30 minutes. The 2019 KAC Board invites a former 2018 KAC Board member Hannah Stambaugh to be included in the executive session, the Interim Executive Director, Dennis Kriesel and the KAC attorney, Larry Michel attending by phone conference. The open meeting will resume in the KHI Building, Big Bluestem Room, 212 SW 8th Ave., Topeka, KS 66603, January 24, 2019 at 3:39PM. The motion was seconded by Dave Johnston. The motion passed.

The Executive Session came out at 3:37PM, no binding action taken. Rob Roberts moved to extend the Executive Session for 15 minutes, seconded by Lon Pishny. Motion carried. The Executive Session then ended at 3:52PM, no binding action taken.

The regular KAC Board meeting resumed at 3:52PM and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Susan Hubbell, KAC Secretary.