

**Kansas Association of Counties  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
300 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Topeka, KS  
February 15, 2019 - Phone Conference**

President Craig Cox called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Board members present: Craig Cox, President; Chip Westfall, Vice President; Gary Scoby, Treasurer; Susan Hubbell, Secretary; Ed Eilert, Johnson County Commissioner; Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner; Max Dibble, Phillips County Commissioner; Rob Roberts, Miami County Commissioner; Nick Baldetti, Reno County Public Health Director; Jeff Blosser, Morris County Engineer; Patti Israel, Ford County Appraiser; Lon Pishny, Finney County Commissioner; Bob Vidricksen, Saline County Commissioner; Brian Stone, Cowley County Emergency Management Director; Dave Johnston, Sedgwick County Operations Manager; Kenny Baccus, Ottawa County Noxious Weed Director.

Legislative Policy Members present: Darlene Lucas, Human Resource Director, Finney County.

Others present: Dennis Kriesel, Interim Executive Director; Jay Hall, Legislative Policy Director & General Counsel; Dorrie Sullivan, Education & Communications Director; Betty Oliva, Office Manager.

Absent: Don Pyle, Crawford County Clerk.

Proceedings: President Craig Cox suggested to table minutes of January 24, 2019 Board meeting until February 22, 2019 Board meeting.

Dennis Kriesel presented Financials of October 2018. He reported that currently the conference is still a positive figure. We are still expecting a loss for 2018. Max Dibble made a motion to approve the 2018 financial statements. Seconded by Nick Baldetti. Motion carries.

President Craig Cox requested that Dennis explain a letter from State Noxious Weed Advisory Committee. They are requesting a nominee, to have a seat on the board. Chip Westfall made a motion to Nominate Kenny Baccus to represent the KAC on State Noxious Weed Advisory Committee. Seconded by Lon Pishny. Motion carries. Dennis will submit the form with the KAC nomination.

Jay Hall presented the legislative report noting today as the deadline for committee bills. Jay sent out alerts on HB2219 and will present opposition testimony due to the cost of compliance. On HB2273, Jay is recommending we stay neutral at this time. He plans on attending the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Jay's requesting figures of cost compliance from counties on SB43 & HB2092. (Voter registration same day registration). Richard Malm requested that an email blast be sent out to County Clerks & Election Clerks across the state. Jay also gave updates on HB2273, HB2033, HB2084, and HB2065. Board recommends supporting KCAMP position on HB2065.

Richard Malm presented the NACO Representative Report, he gave information on future training available online for members. Perfect Leadership Training and Cyber Security Training. These are 12 week courses scheduled to start in early April. Classes are primarily self-paced taking 2-4 hours a week.

President's Report: President Craig Cox thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. For the upcoming meeting scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2019, Craig instructed the KAC Board to focus on a

replacement for Dennis Kriesel's position, additional lobbyist support, as well as replacing the Executive Director position and to take a roll in assuming some duties with current KAC personnel needs. Craig reported that mediation with former Executive Director, Randall Allen, is still on track for March 3, 2019. Craig reported that he and Jon Bartolac and Susan Hubbell met with the County Treasurers and welcomed them to join the KAC as an affiliate member. He also reported that he and Dennis attended the reception hosted by the County Treasurers on February 14, 2019.

Dennis Kriesel presented the Executive Directors report. Dennis talked about his new position and departure from KAC as previously addressed by letter of resignation. Dennis will assume his new position for the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments as Executive Director effective March 1, 2019.

Dennis updated the Board on the Rural Designee application status, with the deadline closing at the end of business on Friday, February 15, 2019. The KAC Board will make a selection from the applications received at the February 22nd meeting. Dennis also reported that as of today 89 of 105 counties as paid renewal dues for 2019. The Road Engineering program has 98 counties that have renewed and the Education webinar has 79 counties to date.

Dennis also explained the Employee Benefit Trust that is currently dormant. He updated that we have a 60-day grace period until April 15, 2019. Dennis is currently the consultant for the insurance and the EBG will need a new person or he recommends a new funding avenue, requiring approval to facilitate.

Max Dibble, Phillips County Commissioner, gave a report on the KDOT press release he recently attended and spoke about the unfinished TWORKS projects and funding. Governor Kelly is planning on putting 160 million dollars back into the transportation fund, pending budget approval.

Lon Pishny reported that there are no new developments on the Broadband Committee.

President Craig Cox adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Hubbell, Secretary.