



**Governing Board Meeting
Friday, February 21, 2020, 9:00AM**

KAC Office / 715 SW 10th Avenue, Conference Room C/ Topeka, KS

Attendees:

Chip Westfall, *President*, Harvey County Commissioner;
Craig Cox, *Past-President*, Deputy County Counselor Riley County;
Susan Hubbell, *Vice-President*, Kingman County Register of Deeds;
Bob Vidricksen, *Secretary*, Saline County Commissioner;

Ed Eilert, Chairman Board of Johnson County Commissioners; **Shari Kaminska**, Elk County Commissioner, late;
Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner; **Carla Pence**, Harper County Commissioner; **Lon Pishny**, Finney County Commissioner; **Brian Stone**, Emergency Management Director, Cowley County; **Frank Williams**, Operations Manager County EMS Director – by phone, late in person.

Attendees by phone: **Kenny Baccus**, Ottawa County Noxious Weed Director; **Jeff Blosser**, Morris County Engineer;
Patti Israel, Ford County Appraiser;

Absent: **Nick Baldetti**, Reno County Public Health; **Dean Haselhorst**, Ellis County Commissioner; **Don Pyle**, Crawford County Clerk; **Gary Scoby**, *Treasurer*, Nemaha County Commissioner

Staff: **Bruce Chladny**, Executive Director; **Dornella Leal**, Finance & Operations Director; **Jay Hall**, Legislative Director & Legal Counsel; **Dorrie Sullivan**, Education & Communications Director; **Kim Qualls**, Education & Communications Manager; **Betty Oliva**, Office Manager; **Jo Shaw**, Law-Clerk.

President Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:04AM and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

President Westfall introduced Colonel Herman T. Jones and Captain Jason Vanderweide with the Kansas Highway Patrol, providing information to the KAC Board, asking for endorsement of the KHP's request to the Kansas Legislature to authorize the trade in of used aircraft for the purchase of new aircraft. A formal presentation was made with specific facts and details of the KHP being the only agency that supports all emergency service agencies statewide as well as local civilian government agencies with mission needs by the use of aircraft anywhere in Kansas.

Ed Eilert moved for KAC to support the Kansas Highway Patrol's request in the amount of 14.45 million dollars to the Kansas Legislature for updating the Law Enforcement Aircraft Fleet, Craig Cox seconded, motion carried. Lon Pishny added to be cautious of any attachments on the bill that could come back on the county. KAC will draft an official letter of support.

Request for a 10-minute break.

Bruce Chladny – introduced and welcomed Kim Qualls as Education and Communications Manager.

Approval of the January 23, 2020 minutes – Craig Cox moved for approval, Richard Malm seconded, all approved as amended to include the statement “no action taken” for the Executive Sessions held on January 23, 2020.

Executive Director Report, Bruce Chladny –

- Jay and Bruce met with the Secretary of Commerce, David Toland and Mike Taylor, discussed Star Bonds and Opportunity Zones.
- Reviewed the hiring process for the Education and Communications Manager position, with the selection of Kim Qualls.
- Held a KCCA Board Meeting to review the secretariat work performed and to obtain historical information in relation to tax records and filing requirements as there are no records of any filings for KCCA. Have concerns with potential liability responsibilities and have called the IRS.
- Brian and Information Network Kansas.
- Attended Wind and Energy meetings, in Nemaha and Bourbon counties.
- Attended Secretary Lorenz presentation of her Transportation Bill.
- Allied Business Solutions – attend a KAC Board meeting on service to review phone bills, audit for illegit fees.
- Board materials loaded on the KAC website. Access restrictions are in place. Need deadline for uploading. Will upload all the Board Notebook materials.
- Met with SS&C, and reviewed the contract agreement.
- Attended a meeting on podcasts using Zoom which ties into Cytek; expanded on various meeting capabilities.
- NACo Meeting next week, Richard Malm, Jay Hall and Bruce will be in attendance. Reviewed several meetings and topics scheduled and to develop a KAC flyer for promoting.
- Doodle time surveys have been sent out to the 3 committee members with summaries of what each committee will work on.

Finance Director Report, Dornella Leal –

- Provided the 2019 financial statement review and the budget comparison report, for the budget to actual. KAC ended 2019 with a net income of \$19,554.22.
- The policy for capitalized purchases were discussed, with the current policy for capitalizing purchases at \$500. The IRS threshold is \$2,500. A recommendation was made for KAC to raise from \$500 to \$5,000. Purchases less than \$5,000 would be expensed. Richard Malm made a motion to raise capitalizing purchases to \$5,000 and over, Lon Pishny seconded, motion carried.
- Membership dues have been mailed for the year 2020. As of this date, 3 counties are unpaid, being Chautauqua, Pawnee and Unified Government of Wyandotte.

Bruce informed the Board that IRS rules have changed for realizing income closer to the actual timeline. Example being recognizing the income in relation to the conference.

Frank Williams moved to approve the December 2019 financials, Shari Kaminska seconded, motion carried.

Legislative Update, Jay Hall –

Turn around is next week, will only get rid of a handful of bills. Senate leadership is fighting with each other, meaning next week may be unproductive. Anything healthcare related isn't going anywhere on the senate floor. We might not see much action on the senate side until the whole constitution amendment is solved with the House and figure out what they want to do with Medicaid expansion. STAR Bonds, currently is not a "blessed bill" and could die.

Tobacco 21 passed out of committee but won't likely pass now, they put what may be a poison pill into the bill, to ban smoking on State owned Casino floors. Medicaid expansion is probably also dead, they put in a couple of things that won't pass. Dealing with a lot of issues with appraisers. Passing bills out every week to limit what appraisers can do. We've testified against all of these bills. The good news is the House Committee does not seem interested in a lot of these bills and may not take action on any. HB 2607 allows for installment payments, there's been discussion and we'll probably see an amendment drafted that will come out after turn around to allow county treasurers set up installment plans, align up with current law - Real Estate taxes as of now.

Working with county treasurers, they are more satisfied with KAC at this time.

HB 2180 - Flat Fee was amended yesterday in committee from \$10.00 to \$9.50 based on \$9.50 being the break-even mark.

Passed out of House Transportation yesterday and will probably go to the floor next week.

SB 294 – Notice and Hearing bill for budgets, etc. There is a rumor that KAC supports this bill – this is NOT true even as amended. Currently in House tax.

SB396 is a problem. This bill would re-direct all sales tax revenues to the county that are collected with-in the county. Currently sales tax revenue is split between cities and counties.

Jay introduced Jo Shaw as KAC's Law Clerk.

Dorrie Sullivan – Moving ahead with annual conference and pleased to announce 28,000 / 43% of booths filled and 98.7% of our sponsorships. Working with Kim to take over the conference and its well under way. October 12th will be the Board/Staff dinner at the Sedgwick County Zoo.

Education – have 85 counties subscribed to the webinar program.

President Chip Westfall, on behalf of the KAC Board, gave a standing ovation to Dorrie for all her hard work and time with KAC.

Finance Committee – with the absence of the regular finance committee, Susan Hubbell, Bob Vidricksen, Craig Cox, Lon Pishny and Brian Stone volunteered to review the Bills and Payrolls report dated February 21, 2020. With no discrepancies found, Bob Vidricksen made a motion to approve, Richard Malm, seconded, motion carried.

11:50AM – to 12:30 PM Lunch

Reconvened at 12:30PM

Richard Malm gave a current report on NACo.

Old Business –

Coffee at the Capital will be on February 27, 2020 at 8:00AM located on the NE corner of the 2nd floor rotunda. Notify Kim of any attendees for name badges. March 18th will be the 2nd coffee.

2023/2024 KAC Conference is set with contracts signed for Wichita. Towards the end of next year KAC will need to look at 2025 and 2026, consider a Topeka venue.

New Business –

Local Road Engineer Program update, announcing Norm will retire May 22, 2020, KAC will need to develop a working plan with KDOT. Bruce has reached out to Secretary Lorenz for a meeting with Bruce, Jay Hall and Chip Westfall to discuss a partnership, evaluate the position and discuss the needs of KDOT. Jeff Blosser will follow up with KCHA's involvement.

Information Network Kansas Grant Program – Brian Stone presented information:

INK – created in 1990, county administrator became part of this, representing KAC on this Board. They offer grants to local jurisdictions, 2 grants available in the spring and the fall.

Jay commented grant projects for upgrading county website security as a possibility. KAC could administrate this grant, or it could be the INK Board. The money would go to the counties that KAC supports.

Links for additional information:

Website: <https://ink.kansas.gov/>

Grants Policy/Procedures: <https://ink.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/INK-GrantPolicyProcedures-060119-FINAL.pdf>

Board Members: <https://ink.kansas.gov/ink-board/board-members/>

Richard Malm discussed MS-ISAC, additional firewall protection funded by Homeland Security, monitors security 24/7. NACo.org has additional information on their website.

Facilitative Leadership Presentation – Fundamentals of Leadership

Presentation by Bruce Chladny.

KAC Board President comments:

SB 339 – Energizing Economic in KS, bill to allow electric company to offer discount electric rates. Reported details on the bill and encouraged to watch the bill, it may return next year.

KDOT has changed the formula on the exchange money on the federal DOT.

Update on election equipment, election laws and election equipment security. Encouraged talking with county clerks.

Craig gave an update on the Randall Allen litigation: still at the court of appeals, the deadline date is March 18th. No opinion so far.

KCCA conference will be held April 28 – 30, 2020 in Liberal, KS.

Executive Session: At 1:50PM Lon Pishny 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 personnel matters for 10 minutes. Bruce Chladny, Executive Director to be included, lists attached. The open meeting will resume at Kansas Association of Counties, Conference Room C, 715 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka KS, February 21, 2020 at 2:00PM. The motion was seconded by Richard Malm, motion carried.

Open meeting resumed at 2:00PM. No action taken.

2nd Executive Session: At 2:00PM Lon Pishny made a motion that the attached list of KAC Board Members recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel justification to the Kansas Open Meeting Act in order to discuss personnel matters for 10 minutes. The open meeting to resume in Conference Room C at 715 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka KS, February 21, 2020 at 2:10PM. The motion was seconded by Frank Williams, motion carried.

Returned to the normal business meeting at 2:10PM. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Vidricksen, Secretary

Betty Oliva, Office Manager