Governig Board Meeting
Friday, March 20, 2020, 9:00AM
Phone Conference

KAC Office / 715 SW 10th Avenue / 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; Jeff Blosser, Morris County Engineer; Brian Stone, Emergency Management Director, Cowley County; Ed Eilert, Chairman Board of Johnson County Commissioners; Patti Israel, Ford County Appraiser; Shari Kaminska, Elk County Commissioner; Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner; Carla Pence, Harper County Commissioner; Lon Pishny, Finney County Commissioner; Frank Williams, Operations Manager County EMS Director.

Absent: Kenny Baccus, Ottawa County Noxious Weed Director; Nick Baldetti, Reno County Public Health; Dean Haselhorst, Ellis County Commissioner; Don Pyle, Crawford County Clerk; Gary Scoby, Treasurer, Nemaha County Commissioner;

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

President Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00AM
Betty Oliva took roll call, to record attendance.
Richard Malm made a motion to revise the agenda, eliminating items E, F, G, H, I, and J to expedite the meeting. Motion was seconded by Patti Israel, motion carried.
Approval of the February 21, 2020 minutes, Craig Cox moved for approval, seconded by Frank Williams, motion carried.

Reports:
Executive Director, Bruce Chladny:
- Reviewed the NACo Washington, DC trip, established relationships in reference to Broadband, Rural Action Caucus - The RAC.
- Met with David Luke with KCAMP last week, discussed INK and possible partnership opportunities.
- Additional highlights with KSA, they’re working to bring in a NACo sponsored program called “Step Up”, that would be beneficial to counties in addressing mental illness in jails.
- Bruce Chladny, Chip Westfall, Jeff Blosser, Jay Hall and Alvin Perez met with the Secretary of Transportation, to discuss Norm’s position.
- Update on the Zoom Meetings being held with Legislation and Legislative issues. Another meeting is scheduled later today for County Commissioners in relation to continuity during troubled times, COVID-19.

Finance Director, Dornella Leal:
January financials are not yet available. SS&C has been delayed with tax work and working on the 2020 budget.

Legislative Director & Legal Counsel, Jay Hall –
Updated on this week’s Legislative activity.
Three emergency bills passed:
- SB 102 – Extended court deadlines, while the courts are closed for Covid-19.
- SB 27 – extended unemployment insurance, made some adjustments, the Governor has signed this bill.
The Governor signed 102 and SB 142, school guidelines, eliminating some of the hour requirements for classroom instruction. The Governor executed 4 Executive orders, limiting gatherings, closing schools. The Governor’s disasters declaration has been extended until May. The senate placed some restrictions with the Governor’s power. The Legislature is adjourned until at least April 27th, depending on the spread of Covid-19 as to when they may or may not be able to return.

President Westfall inquired on the status of our bill. Jay reported it did not get worked this week, but a lot of committee meetings were cancelled and nothing else moved forward.

**Education & Communications Manager, Kim Qualls:**
Conference updates – KAC Annual Conference, as of now there are no changes. The March 20th and March 27th classes have been cancelled/postponed and are not rescheduled at this time. KCCA Conference has been postponed from April 28th - April 30th, to July 21st – 23rd. Basically, things are in a hold pattern for anything scheduled in April and May.

**Old Business:**
The Legislative Coffee scheduled in March was cancelled due to COVID-19. We will plan to do again next year.

Local Road Engineer Program update – KDOT and KAC will partner together in continuing the Local Road Engineer Program. We are working with them to create an MOU to solidify the partnership that will include obtaining data collection. Norm has drafted a plan to help counties track and monitor their paved road systems, to obtain data on road conditions across the state. Additional considerations for the position will be determined, if it will continue as a contract position, a KAC Staff position or other variables to best fill the position.

Bruce reviewed accessing the Board meeting materials and use of an expense reimbursement report on KAC’s webpage.

**New Business:**
Dana Wethington, Marketing Coordinator has announced her retirement on June 30, 2020. We have a tentative outline for her replacement and will work with Kim Qualls to review and update with a current job description.

Bruce introduced Rachel Mills, Regional Sales Manager with Allied Business Solutions, LLC to join our meeting and talk about the services they offer. They are a telecom and data carrier expense auditing industry, offering services to help reduce costs, focusing on taxes and tariff charges, possibly lowering bills by 20% to 30% with no upfront cost. They’ve worked with several counties and are based out of Gardner, KS. This could be made available to our membership.

Contact 913-856-2323  rmills@alliedbsi.com

**Comments & Announcements:**
The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 17th and may need to be held by phone conference. Concerns with the Finance Committee not able to meet in person to review the Bills & Payrolls Report. Richard Malm offered help with reviewing in person at the KAC office.

Additional comments were in relation to concerns with the COVID-19 virus, day-to-day business operations, KAC’s plans to continue working, scheduled meetings in the KNEA building have been cancelled, no external visitors are allowed in the KNEA Building during this time. Staff will be able to work remotely from home if “KNEA’s phase 2” is activated.

A conference call is scheduled for 2:00PM today, pushing out county specific information in relation to possible closures and issues with COVID-19. This is for County Commissioners, County Administrators, Emergency Management and County Clerks.

**Adjournment at 10:04AM**

Next meeting: Friday April 17, 2020 at 9:00AM – KAC Conference Room C

Respectfully submitted:
Robert Vidricksen, Secretary
Betty Oliva, Office Manager