



**Governing Board Meeting
Friday, April 17, 2020, 9:00AM
Teleconference / Zoom Meeting**

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; **Gary Scoby**, *Treasurer*, Nemaha County Commissioner; **Bob Vidricksen**, *Secretary*, Saline County Commissioner

Kenny Baccus, Ottawa County Noxious Weed Director; **Nick Baldetti**, Reno County Public Health; **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; **Richard Malm**, Jefferson County Commissioner; **Carla Pence**, Harper County Commissioner; **Lon Pishny**, Finney County Commissioner; **Don Pyle**, Crawford County Clerk; **Frank Williams**, Operations Manager County EMS Director.

Absent:

Dean Haselhorst, Ellis County Commissioner; **Shari Kaminska**, Elk 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; **Dana Wethington**, Marketing Coordinator.

President Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00AM

Betty Oliva took roll call, to record attendance.

Approval of the Agenda: One addition to the agenda, Dr. Ed Ellebeck from KU Med will talk on the Covid-19 modeling. Kenny Baccus made a motion to approved as updated, Nick Baldetti seconded the motion, motion passed.

Approval of the March 20, 2020 minutes: Don Pyle made a motion to approve the March 20, 2020 minutes as submitted, Jeff Blosser seconded the motion, motion passed.

Reports:

Executive Director, Bruce Chladny:

Reviewed current status with COVID-19, meetings taking place, extended appreciation to the KAC Staff and Board for all their work and assistance. Much is going on at the Federal, State, County and Local levels. Matt Chase with NACo will talk with us in reference to the efforts going on at the national level, with the 4th package that would help with relief to our counties and our organization as a whole. At the state level we are communicating with the Governor, will have 1.25 billion dollars coming from the 3rd relief package, the Cares Act. Working with the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Governor to help devise distribution methods to help with our counties and cities, possibly around April 24th. Current updates are posted on KAC's website.

Finance Director, Dornella Leal:

- January 2020 Financial Statements were presented. The financials will now show Deferred Revenue for KAC events.
- All counties have paid their 2020 membership dues with the exception of Chautauqua.

Gary Scoby made a motion to approve both the January 2020 financials and the March 31, 2020 Bills & Payrolls Report, Craig Cox seconded the motion, motion passed.

The Board discussed how the Finance Committee will proceed with future Zoom meetings for reviewing the Bills & Payrolls Report. KAC Board's consensus is to have Richard Malm and one other Finance Committee member review and approve the report in person, prior to the Zoom meetings. Upon return of the in-person Board meetings, the full finance committee will meet and review all past Bills & Payrolls Reports applicable.

Legislative Director & Legal Counsel, Jay Hall:

Legislative report on current issues. Jay with Representative Reichman, the House Speaker, on what the Legislature's plans are moving forward. The Legislature will address how to re-start the economy, upcoming elections, social distancing, looking at younger election workers versus Sr. citizens as they are at a higher risk for COVID-19. They will also look at different election sites, moving from schools, etc. and working on a letter to the Governor's office in reference to the money distribution for the counties. The legislature isn't sure when they will return, depends on how the virus is moving. Real Estate taxes are due on May 10, 2020, which is a statutory deadline.

NACo COVID-19 Response Efforts:

Matt Chase, Executive Director joined our KAC Board Meeting, providing an informative update on what is happening at the national level with funding for Kansas, Kansas counties and cities. NACo is focusing on the public health side, how to get the federal and local governments working together on testing, contact, tracing and strategies to balance the public health needs with the economic needs. Three bills have passed into law with the first two being in research and development for a vaccine, testing and nutrition both for the elderly and former kids no longer in school. The 3rd bill, is the Cares Act, explaining the details of how the 2 trillion-dollar bill is mostly for loans and loan guarantees, to be repaid at some level. This includes 300 billion in federal spending through programs in counties. He further explained the funding flow, and the Kansas perspective. Currently working on the 4th package for small business relief. Matt continued with additional details of possible funding allocations/formulas and how they would apply to the state, counties and cities.

Education & Communications Manager, Kimberly Qualls:

Provided an update on the KAC conference as of April 14th having 53% exhibition space of the budget and sponsorships at 122% of our budget. There is uncertainty in relation to COVID-19 and the conference.

Personnel Committee:

Carla Pence presented the KAC staff/employee performance review/self-evaluation form as completed by the Personnel Committee consisting of Carla Pence, Craig Cox and Shari Kaminska with Bruce Chladny also assisting. Carla Pence moved to approve the new KAC Staff Evaluation form, Patti Israel seconded, motion passed.

Speaker:

Dr. Ed Ellebeck from KU Med joined our meeting by phone providing much information on the modeling that he has used to track the COVID-19 virus, working with KDHE and other partners. A power-point presentation showed projections, peaks, models, numbers of new infections, spikes, the flattening of new cases, testing capabilities, antibody testing availability and social distancing. Dr. Ellebeck opened the floor for discussion and questions.

NACo Representative Report:

Richard Malm commented on Matt Chases's excellent report on COVID-19 and how to register your email with the Natl Assoc. of Counties to receive their emails with updates. Their national meeting is currently on hold due to the COVID-19 virus.

Old Business:

KAC Response to COVID-19 Pandemic: (KAC Staff & Board):

Bruce lead discussion and asked to hear from the Board on what their organizations are doing. KAC keeps their website updated with current information, leading Zoom meetings, webinars, etc. We'll continue working on recovery money, budget work and cash flow at the county level, Cares Act money and continue to hold additional webinars helping with these items.

President Westfall, Vice-President Susan Hubbell, Nick Baldetti, Pattie Israel and Brian Stone reported what they are seeing in their counties. Additional discussion included on the subject of reductions in gas and oil valuations.

Local Road Engineer Program Update (Bruce Chladny):

Bruce reported things are moving slow in working with KDOT on how best to fill the position, with the COVID-19 virus slowing everything down. KDOT and KAC will partnership together. Norm's retirement date is May 22, 2020.

KAC Board meeting schedule discussion (KAC Staff & Board):

Bruce reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule and asked about adding a Board Meeting for May. After a brief discussion it was decided to hold a Zoom Board Meeting on May 15, 2020 at 9:00AM.

Comments & Announcements:

Board President:

Briefed us on his meeting Representative Estes, Moran's office staff was on board, the Cares Act and distribution amounts to various entities.

Asked for any suggestions or additional presentations on COVID-19, or anything that would be helpful.

Both presentations today will be made available on the KAC website.

Jo Shaw is wrapping up the demographic and tax report.

Adjournment:

Next meeting: May 15, 2020 by Zoom at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Vidricksen, Secretary

Betty Oliva, Office Manager