



**Governing Board Meeting
Friday, May 15, 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 (leaving at 10:30AM).

Kenny Baccus, Ottawa County Noxious Weed Director; **Nick Baldetti**, Reno County Public Health (joined at 9:25AM); **Jeff Blosser**, Morris County Engineer (joined at 9:30AM); **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 (leaving at 11:00AM); **Frank Williams**, Operations Manager County EMS Director.

Absent:

Dean Haselhorst, Ellis County Commissioner; **Don Pyle**, Crawford County Clerk;

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: Susan Hubbell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and amended, Shari Kaminska seconded the motion, motion passed.

Approval of the April 17, 2020 minutes: Carla Pence made a motion to approve the April 17, 2020 minutes as submitted, Kenny Baccus seconded the motion, motion passed.

Reports:

Executive Director, Bruce Chladny:

KAC has been notified that our application submitted for the Kansas Health Foundation grant was not approved. There were approximately 477 applications with 91 being filled. KAC has continued partnering with other organizations, Dennis has continued helping with KAC web seminars, Bruce is reaching out to colleagues, such as Kansas Hospital Association and School Boards, working to continue building relationships.

Legislative Director, Jay Hall:

Recognized Jo Shaw, KAC's law clerk this past semester, she will be moving to Wichita, KS and will take the bar. We wish her all the best.

Education & Communications Manager, Kimber Qualls: Reported no current updates on the conference, has reached out with the hotels and are currently closed. Looking at June for a better update after connecting with the hotels and their status in relation to COVID-19. KAC continues hosting webinars. Additional questions and discussion in reference to KAC's

scheduled conference in October, whether KAC will hold the conference and the variables that would apply if the conference is cancelled.

Finance Director, Dornella Leal:

Presented the February and March financials, reported KAC is currently operating within budget.

Questions included the monthly billing from Blue Valley for KAC's phone service and on Federico our Legislative Service. Jay addressed Federico's offer to extend their services throughout the year and whether or not it would be necessary.

Finance Committee:

Richard Malm reported he has reviewed the Bills & Payrolls report in the amount of \$48,935.99 and found everything to be in order. Richard Malm made a motion to approve, Ed Eilert seconded the motion, motion passed.

NACo Representative Report:

NACo has canceled the annual meeting scheduled for Orlando, Florida. Everything will be done by Microsoft Team, having about 3 sessions, being the Board meeting, the business meeting and the elections. He continued explaining details on how they plan to conduct the elections. Breakout sessions will be held by teleconference and they anticipate approximately a \$1,500,000.00 loss.

Old Business:

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

Bruce spoke of everyone's responsiveness, working with the Governor, various meetings and conference calls, NACo meetings, the Governor's Task Force meetings and following the Legislatures on-line. The Governor has formed a COVID-19 Recovery Office, the state funds of 1.25 billion dollars will be managed by the COVID-19 Recovery Office. Bruce has reached out to the Governor's office inquiring on representation on the advisory Board. A letter has been drafted asking for KAC to sit on the board for representation.

Working to capture COVID-19 dollars, expenditures. Will begin working to capture the loss of revenues from the Counties.

Various discussion ensued on HOME Rule in relation to COVID-19, the effects of COVID-19 phases in different counties and COVID-19 testing.

Allen v. Kansas Association of Counties Litigation Update – Executive Session:

Executive Session: At 10:01AM Craig Cox 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 30 minutes. Bruce Chladny, Executive Director, Jay Hall, Legislative Director and General Counsel and Larry Michel, KAC Attorney will attend the Executive Session, a complete list of attendees is attached. The executive session will be held by teleconference - Zoom meeting by invitation only to the breakout room. The open meeting will resume with the Kansas Association of Counties, regular Zoom Teleconference in session May 15, 2020 at 10:31AM. The motion was seconded by Lon Pishny, motion carried.

Open meeting resumed at 10:31AM. No action taken.

President Westfall asked for a consensus moving forward, with filing a motion for a re-hearing by the Appellate Court and a motion to be heard for the Supreme Court. There were no opposing views, the KAC Board is in consensus to move forward as such.

Jay Hall – additional COVID questions and issues. Receiving many calls and questions from various individuals, clerks, treasurers, Register of Deeds and directing them appropriately for answers to their questions. CCAK is holding their mid-year CLE scheduled for June 19th. It will include a session discussing quarantining and isolation procedures during a health crisis. The CLE is being held by Web Conference due to COVID-19.

Kim Qualls – Addressing questions as received, working to track the expenses from Counties, lost revenues, holding webinars, possible furloughs, sending communications. Additional discussion on County expenses for reimbursable costs incurred due to COVID-19, i.e. hiring a company to do deep disinfecting cleanings.

Legislative Policy Committee:

The Legislative Policy Committee joined the call to discuss proposals before the legislature regarding property tax deadlines and the KAC position on these matters. The committee reached a consensus regarding tax payments during COVID-19.

Local Road Engineer Program Update: Bruce talked with Alvin Perez, President of KCHA, to meet with their Board and review their needs with this position. Norm will work with the Jefferson County to work with the research department on tracking the county road conditions. Norm's last official day with KAC is May 22nd and KAC staff will have a going away gift(s) for him.

New Business: Bruce talked about the COVID-19 Recovery Office, nominating someone to service on this Board. Susan Hubbell nominated President Chip Westfall. Chip has agreed to do and would like to have Bruce Chladny as the staff person assigned.

Comments & Announcements:

Board President:

Reviewed the allocations discussed at the Regional Meeting on the amount for Kansas counties.
Reviewed Labette County on the oil and gas issue, moving forward with meetings to inform everyone.
Home Rule, looking to next year.

Board Members:

Richard Malm followed up with additional comments for NACo wanting county information and effects with COVID-19.

Craig Cox – KAC liability insurance coverage only covers attorney's fees; judgements are not currently covered. KAC needs to review adequate protection with all insurance coverages.

Public: No public comments.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon

Next meeting: Friday, June 19, 2020 by Zoom at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Vidricksen, Secretary

Betty Oliva, Office Manager