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ng Board Meeting
Friday, June 19, 2020, 9:00AM
Teleconference / Zoom Meeting

KAC Office / 715 SW 10th Avenue / Topeka, KS

Attendees:
Chip Westfall, President, Harvey County Commissioner; 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;
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 (late);
Brian Stone, Emergency Management Director, Cowley County; Frank Williams, Operations Manager County EMS Director.

Absent:
Nick Baldetti, Reno County Public Health; Jeff Blosser, Morris County Engineer;
Craig Cox, Past-President, Deputy County Counselor Riley County;
Dean Haselhorst, Ellis County Commissioner; Shari Kaminska, Elk County Commissioner;

Staff present:
Bruce Chladny, Executive Director; Dornella Leal, Finance & Operations Director; Betty Oliva, Office Manager;
Kim Qualls, Education & Communications Manager; 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: Richard Malm made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Brian Stone seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of the May 15, 2020 minutes: Kenny Baccus made a motion to approve the May 15, 2020 minutes as submitted, Pattie Israel seconded the motion, motion carried.

Reports:
Executive Director, Bruce Chladny:
State Capitol held a 1-day legislative session with several committee meetings, Jay was able to attend, listening virtually and tweeted their activities.
Federal level, NACo continues to be in tune at the Federal and Capitol Hill in DC, various meetings, sending out emails and zoom meeting notices. KAC continues to monitor current situations at the Federal level.
KAC staff continues meeting by Zoom. KAC will work with individuals at the State Capital to work with SPARK, the group strengthening people and re-vitalizing Kansans with the CARES Act funding and will host meetings as funds become available.
KCHA Board meeting reported that a decision was made to fill Norm Bower’s position hiring one individual. The position would continue coverage for the whole state and would include county research on county road conditions, building a database for such. KAC and KDOT are working to develop a memorandum of understanding between our organization and their organization for funding the position and move forward with filling the position.
KAC continues participating with the Governor's calls on Fridays, keeping everyone informed at the state level.
KAC Audit is a go and hope to have a full report at the next Board meeting.
Jay Hall, Legislative Director is hosting CCAK’s CLE, but Bruce gave a short summary with the Legislative Updates being sent out and the 294 issue was vetoed and did not re-surface.

Education & Communications Manager, Kimberly Qualls:
Extended a huge thank you to Dana Wethington, as she’ll retire on June 30, 2020. COVID-19 communications continue, KAC is sending out lists to the counties for updating with county information. July classes will be held virtually, future classes will be re-evaluated.

Finance Director, Dornella Leal:
Reviewed the April Financials, noting the education classes for April have been postponed overall and showing a loss. Conference registration is not yet open pending a decision by the KAC Board. Venders are sending in their sponsorship fees. Bruce added KAC Staff reviewed the current budget for new costs and savings in expenses due to COVID-19. Additional extraordinary expenses include a possible payout on the Randall Allen litigation.

Finance Committee:
Richard Malm reported he has reviewed the Bills & Payrolls report in the amount of $48,326.92 and found everything to be in order. Gary Scoby made a motion to approve the KAC Financials and the May 31st Bills & Payrolls Report. Frank Williams seconded the motion, motion carried.

NACo Representative Report:
Richard Malm provided a current report, stating the NACo Conference was cancelled. Everything will be virtual, including the voting. NACo is working on the details for voting and registrations. Counties can register one person for free by visiting NACo.org or calling 888-407-6226.
Kansas has lost Lane County as a NACo County.

Old Business:
KAC Conference Discussion and Decision – October 12-15, 2020, Kimberly Qualls:
Kim lead a power-point presentation with responses received from a recent survey sent out in reference to the KAC 2020 Conference. Various scenarios of the conference were presented; if it were held, cancelled or reduced attendance. The scenarios included possible loss projections. Kim has been in contact with the hotel and Century II looking at the current mandates in place. KAC would be responsible for disinfecting, especially at the exhibition where additional expenses would be incurred. Much discussion ensued including moving the next KAC Board meeting to Friday, July 17, 2020 to make a final decision with this year’s conference. Lon Pishny moved to hold the next KAC Board meeting on July 17, 2020 and to proceed at this time for holding the annual conference in Wichita, October 12-15, 2020, making a final decision to either hold or cancel the conference at the July 17th Board meeting. Kenny Baccus seconded the motion. Additional comments and discussion included if insurance coverage is possible for purchase in the event of cancelling. KAC had explored that option and coverage is not available for COVID-19. If the conference is held, the current mandates required at the time would have to be followed. Motion carried by majority, one opposed being Bob Vidricksen.

KAC Response to COVID-19 Pandemic (KAC Staff and Board):
KAC Staff continues keeping our members informed, addressing issues and the needs in relation to COVID-19.

KAC Insurance Update, Bruce Chladny:
Bruce and Dornella met with KAC’s insurance provider for a review of KAC’s insurance coverages currently in place. A complete informational insurance package was provided to the KAC Board members. It was discovered additional insurance coverage is needed in relation to the contracted agreements entered into with KAC and the three Secretariats. More research and information will be provided for making a decision to ensure adequate insurance coverage is in place or if additional coverage will be needed to limit exposures.

KAC will look at expanding insurance coverages in relation to employment practices, to minimize exposure.
Allen v. Kansas Association of Counties Litigation Update:
KAC’s motion for Rehearing/Modification by Appelle, KS Assoc. of Counties was denied. Now waiting for a decision from the Supreme Court on whether or not they will hear our case.

New Business:
Office of Recovery – Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Update:
Bruce provided a current review on SPARK, the phases, distributions and stipulations on how the funds can be used. President Westfall also shared the status of distributions and rules in relation to SPARK and the work that needs to be done with it. KAC is working with the SPARK office to stay connected.

Commissioner Cindy Bobbitt, Grant County, Oklahoma, request to support campaign for NACo 2nd Vice President, (Bruce Chladny):
Richard Malm gave a recommendation for Cindy Bobbitt, he’s known her for 6 years, she’s very good, very particular on what she does and articulate. Richard made a motion for the KAC Board to back her. Lon Pishny seconded the motion, motion carried. President Westfall instructed KAC to draft a letter of support.

Comments & Announcements:
Board President:
Dana Wethington’s retirement is June 30, 2020. President Westfall asked for everyone to email her and wish her well. KAC will have a card and gift card for her.

Dana’s position will be left open at this period of time. Kimberly Qualls will evaluate the needs for filling the position at a later date.

The Board discussed having the next Board meeting in person on July 17th.

Board Members:
Bob Vidricksen asked to receive the Conference information with the options/scenarios and costs by email. Richard Malm inquired on the dates for the Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Gary Scoby will contact Jay Hall for finding some meeting dates.

Public: No public comments.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:07AM

Next meeting: Friday, July 17, 2020 at 9:00AM

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