



**Governing Board Meeting
Friday, July 17, 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

Nick Baldetti, Reno County Public Health; **Jeff Blosser**, Morris County Engineer;
Craig Cox, *Past-President*, Deputy County Counselor Riley County;
Ed Eilert, Chairman Board of Johnson County Commissioners; **Shari Kaminska**, Elk County Commissioner;
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.

Absent:

Kenny Baccus, Ottawa County Noxious Weed Director; **Patti Israel**, Ford County Appraiser;
Dean Haselhorst, Ellis County Commissioner; **Don Pyle**, Crawford County Clerk.

Staff present:

Bruce Chladny, Executive Director; **Jay Hall**, Legislative Director & General Counsel;
Dornella Leal, Finance & Operations Director; **Betty Oliva**, Office Manager;
Kim Qualls, Education & Communications Manager.

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

Betty Oliva took roll call, to record attendance.

Approval of the Agenda: Carl Pence made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Craig Cox seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of the June 19, 2020 minutes: Richard Malm made a motion to approve the June 19, 2020 minutes as submitted, Shari Kaminska seconded the motion, motion carried.

Reports:

Executive Director, Bruce Chladny:

One addition to the agenda is to include a report from the Auditors, joining the meeting at 10:30AM for their completed report. KAC continues to work remotely from home, everything is working, productive, staff meetings continue twice a week. Updates will include the current status on the Road Engineer Program; Zoom / Spark meetings; 911 Contract is currently open for bid; decision on the Annual Conference.

Additional discussion centered around the past experience with the 911 contract and the staffing requirements.

Jay Hall, Legislative Director:

Recent activities have been with the Interim Committees and Executive Orders. The Motor Carrier Executive Order was extended again to match up with the federal waivers that continue to be extended during COVID-19. The State has distributed a small amount of COVID Funds to different State Agents of approximately \$6,000,000.00. Big news was pushing back the date for schools to open after Labor Day. The next SPARK Meeting is Monday, and a State Finance Counsel meeting on the 27th. Discussions were on the school boards, when districts will return, if in person or virtually for a period of time, inspections

may be required and if it includes private schools. Jay added that the State Board of Education is the entity that can approve the Governor's order and/or they can modify the Governor's order on when schools can return.

The Legislative Policy Committee meetings are: August 14th and September 11th.

Education & Communications Manager, Kimberly Qualls:

Reviewed upcoming classes, three education classes in the next few weeks, webinar in August and two in September. Counties are very appreciative with all the efforts KAC is doing with SPARK, COVID and the day by day issues.

Finance Director, Dornella Leal:

Reviewed May financials, KAC is showing a net loss with conference registration not open, education classes are currently at a loss being delayed. KAC's current reserve balance is \$556,987.00.

Frank Williams made a motion to approve the KAC May 2020 Finance Reports, Jeff Blosser seconded, motion carried.

Finance Committee:

Richard Malm has reviewed the June 30, 2020 Bills & Payrolls report in the amount of \$43,030.83 and found everything to be in order. Richard Malm made a motion to approve, Nick Baldetti seconded, motion carried.

NACo Representative Report:

Richard Malm provided a current review on the NACo voting. Kansas currently has 10 votes registered. Deadline is quickly approaching for registration. At this point voting will be for By-Law changes and for the State Representative. Cindy Bobbitt lost her primary election and is no longer a candidate for 2nd Vice President; now down to one candidate for the position.

Richard also gave a brief review on the Legislative part including some of the money distributions.

Old Business:

KAC Conference Discussion and Decision – October 12-15, 2020, Kimberly Qualls:

Kim provided a handout with information and applicable expenses for use in determining if the 2020 KAC Annual Conference should be held or cancelled due to COVID and the uncertainties with the pandemic. Many associations have cancelled their conferences or are hosting a virtual conference. Most recently the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas State Fair have cancelled their events. Considerable discussion included holding the conference, realizing it most likely would not be profitable and would likely incur additional expenses due to poor attendance. Holding a virtual conference was discussed as an option and would minimize additional expenses.

Bob Vidricksen made a motion to cancel the 2020 KAC Annual Conference for the in-person portion of the meeting.

Shari Kaminska seconded the motion, with no opposition, motion carried.

Craig Cox made a motion for KAC staff to explore holding a virtual meeting, what the expenses would be and the procedures.

Ed Eilert seconded. Discussion followed. With no opposition, motion carried.

President Chip Westfall will contact Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick County Commission Chair, for any possible help in reducing the cancellation cost with the Hyatt.

FY2019 Financial Audit, Stacy Hammond with BT & Co.

Summary – After examining the Kansas Association of Counties records, it was determined the Financial Statements are presented fairly in all material respects in accordance with general accounting principles. Therefore BT & Co has issued an "Unmodified Audit Opinion", which is the best kind of opinion the Association can receive. Stacy continued reviewing the Audit Report Packet distributed to the KAC Board. With no questions, Carla Pence made a motion to accept the audit of the KAC Financial Statements, years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018. Lon Pishny seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

KAC Staff is responsive to needs, counties, to our members addressing issues as quickly as possible. Monitoring the upcoming elections and the influence of COVID-19.

Office of Recovery – Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK):

Vijay Ramasamy is our contact. KAC is hosting ZOOM Meetings on a regular basis and has been very well attended by members. KAC has submitted a proposal to the SPARK office for reimbursement of \$45,000.00 for the time and work spent by Bruce, Jay, Kim and an intern from Washburn that would assist. KAC is waiting for a decision.

Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities are working together, on a sample resolution to share with municipalities on deciding how to share the monies received. A concern that the money in Leavenworth County may not trickle down to the local municipalities and KAC is trying to help on this issue.

KAC may receive a MOU or contract from the State to help with the SPARK money. In this event, the KAC Executive Director will be authorized to sign after first reviewing with President Chip Westfall and Jay Hall. Shari Kaminska made the motion, seconded by Lon Pishny. Motion carried.

County Road Engineer Position Update, Bruce Chladny:

Bruce has an MOU in place with KDOT with possible funding structures. The Board will decide if the position would be hired on as an KAC employee or as Contractor. After review, Lon Pishny made a motion for KAC to engage with an independent contractor as the Road Engineer. Ed Eilert seconded the motion, motion carried. Discussion followed on details and items surrounding the position. Motion carried.

New Business:

Commissioner Tracy Graham, Audrain County Missouri; request to campaign for Central Region Representative (NACO)

Richard Malm made a motion to endorse Commissioner Tracy Graham for the Central Region Representative, Lon Pishny seconded, motion carried.

Comments & Announcements:

Board President:

Received many comments and compliments on the work of KAC Staff, SPARK work, and the attendance with ZOOM meetings speaks well. Shared additional comments on CARES. Counties have struggled with following the Governors orders or to write their own with additional comments on the worthiness of wearing masks in fighting the COVID virus.

Board Members:

Gary Scoby thanked Richard Malm for his help in reviewing the Bills & Payrolls Report each month during COVID. Thanked Jay Hall for planning the Legislative Committee Meetings. He can share contacts for working towards a virtual conference. Lon Pishny commented on the \$600 Unemployment Benefit and it's roll in workers not wanting to return to work. Received an email from the Kansas Policy Institute campaigning to help guide the Kansas State School Board on the face mask mandate. Susan Hubbell inquired on the Randall Allen Litigation. Craig Cox said we are still waiting on a decision.

Public: No public comments.

Shari Kaminska made a motion to meet by Zoom on August 21st, Craig Cox seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:23AM

Next meeting: Friday, August 21, 2020 at 9:30AM, by Virtual ZOOM

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Vidricksen, Secretary

Betty Oliva, Office Manager