



**Governing Board Meeting  
Friday, August 21, 2020, 9:30AM  
Teleconference / Zoom Meeting**

KAC Office / 715 SW 10<sup>th</sup> 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; **Jeff Blosser**, Morris County Engineer;  
**Craig Cox**, *Past-President*, Deputy County Counselor Riley County;  
**Ed Eilert**, Chairman Board of Johnson County Commissioners; **Patti Israel**, Ford County Appraiser;  
**Richard Malm**, Jefferson County Commissioner; **Dan Partridge**, Director Lawrence-Douglas Co Public Health;  
**Brian Stone**, Emergency Management Director, Cowley County;  
**Frank Williams**, Operations Manager County EMS Director (joined at 10:30am).

**Absent:**

**Dean Haselhorst**, Ellis County Commissioner;  
**Shari Kaminska**, Elk County Commissioner; **Carla Pence**, Harper County Commissioner;  
**Lon Pishny**, Finney 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 9:30AM

President Westfall welcomed new board member Dan Partridge, replacing Nick Baldetti.  
Betty Oliva took roll call, to record attendance.

Approval of the Agenda: Bob Vidricksen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Jeff Blosser seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of the July 17, 2020 minutes: Craig Cox made a motion to approve the July 17, 2020 minutes as submitted, Richard Malm seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Executive Director, Bruce Chladny:**

KAC staff continues working on COVID-19 response efforts, ZOOM meetings, communications with counties, etc. High Performance Leadership Academy, NACo offers – NACo put out a call for State Executives for participation in the program free of charge. Bruce has completed 3 weeks, giving a review of the program. Richard Malm explained the dues system for NACo members and non-members. Additional discussion was on the program, current participants and costs.

Richard Malm asked to receive a list of elected officials in the state that choose not to run for office or were defeated in the primary. Jay Hall has an active list and will forward to the Board.

**Jay Hall, Legislative Director:**

Legislative Report - The Special Committee of the Kansas Emergency Management Act, having 3 days of hearings next week that should be available on-line. Jay has prepared testimony and will be presenting next Tuesday afternoon. Additional discussion continued in relation to the League and how they will testify on KEMA. Cities would like to have more say, being able to weigh in on orders.

Legislative Policy Committee – communicating with treasurers, appraisers and additional groups in relation to the items tabled, the watercraft item and the commercial property item. Should have a draft policy ready to circulate prior to Labor Day. Gary Scoby has been re-elected as the Legislative Chair.

Bruce Chladny - asked if there are any issues that we could work together with the League on. Jay reported property tax, the senate would likely be more conservative than last year, meaning what didn't move forward last year, could do so this year. Jay suggested we form a strategy on how to approach this.

**Education & Communications Manager, Kimberly Qualls:**

Continuing the ongoing communications in relation to COVID, membership updates, for education we have Wednesday webinars thru the end of the year. Looking for Webinars and education topics next year, please share any ideas anyone may have. New County Commissioner training will be January 12th & 13th, 2021 at the Capitol Plaza.

**Finance Director, Dornella Leal:**

Reviewed the June financials noting we are showing a profit due to the work Norm Bowers completed with the KU Transportation Center on a Grade Operator Field Guide. Comparing the year to date financials to the prior year to date, the 2020 financials are not reflecting the 2020 Conference registrations we would normally see due to canceling the annual conference. KAC has received and processed a few refund requests from some of our vendors. An overall loss is projected for year end.

**Finance Committee:**

Richard Malm has reviewed the July 31, 2020 Bills & Payrolls report in the amount of \$55,175.39 and found everything to be in order. Pattie Israel made a motion to approve the June financials and the July 31, 2020 Bills & Payrolls report. Kenny Baccus seconded the motion, motion carried.

**NACo Representative Report:**

Richard Malm gave a brief update on NACo, reviewing the elections for the central states with Stacy Graham from Missouri being elected, KAC supported Stacy. Gary Moore was sworn in as President. Legislatively the community rural broadband network, working on the bill and meeting with committees. Service transportation bill is set to expire 9/30/2020 and will likely be extended for about another year. On Broadband, keep using the *testIT* app to help collect data. It's helpful with legislative efforts. You can load the app at <https://www.naco.org/resources/testit> and follow directions.

**Old Business:****KAC Conference (Virtual only) – October 13-14, 2020, Kimberly Qualls:**

The Virtual Conference Agenda was presented to the Board, reviewing the complete schedule for both days.

Discussions included procedures for the Virtual Conference with Board approval as the motion was made at the last KAC Board meeting including expenses for a Virtual Conference.

Craig Cox made a motion to proceed with a virtual conference on the October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> dates, seconded by Ed Eilert with Board discussion prior to voting on the motion. There is no cost for attendance with expenses limited to KAC staff time. Bob Vidricksen asked to call the vote, motion carried. Pattie Israel asked if the Treasurers would be invited to attend the conference, President Chip Westfall agreed.

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

Bruce Chladny reviewed the continuing work on COVID-19, responses continuing to work with the SPARK recovery office with the Governor, they've hired a new contact person for us, Doug Gerber, continuing to host regular Friday Zoom meetings. KAC will conduct surveys to determine how to best to continue. President Chip Westfall added KAC has been helpful, supportive with all the communications on COVID-19 information via Zoom meetings.

**Allen v. Kansas Association of Counties Litigation Update (Craig Cox):**

Nothing new to report at this time. Petition for review filed with the Kansas Supreme Court and waiting for their response.

**Update County Road Engineer Position (Dornella Leal):**

The position has been posted as of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, plan to close August 24<sup>th</sup>. The position will be left open as we get the word out to attract additional applicants. KDOT, KCHA President, Lisa with LTAP and two KAC Board members will form a selection committee to review the applicants. President Chip Westfall moved to have Jeff Blosser and Bruce Chladny as the two representatives for the Board on the selection committee. Brian Stone seconded the motion, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Kansas Association of Counties Proposed FY 2021 Budget (Dornella Leal):**

Presented a proposed draft budget for 2021, including the 2020 amended budget due to changes in 2020. 2020 is looking at a loss of approximately \$89,000 for the year due to cancelling the conference due to COVID-19.

The proposed budget for 2021 is projecting a loss of approximately \$9,000. Concerns were expressed with the projected losses for 2020 and 2021 that would mean pulling funds from KAC's reserves. The proposed budget for 2021 does include a 2% increase in County membership dues and an 2% cost of living increase for the staff. KAC is looking at adding insurance coverages in relation to the Secretariat work that KAC provides. KAC is to look at obtaining insurance coverage for loss of legal judgements. KAC will look at KWORK and KCAMP for insurance coverages. After additional discussion, a budget committee will be formed to work together on the 2021 budget this would include the Finance Committee. Kenny Baccus volunteered to fill the vacant finance committee position and was officially appointed by President Chip Westfall. The KAC Board is directed by the President to work on the 2021 budget and share all input with everyone.

**Next KAC Regular Board Meeting – September 18, 2020 as a Virtual Zoom Meeting beginning at 9:30AM.**

**Comments & Announcements:**

**Board President:**

Reviewed items: Counties on Amtrak route to be aware of a proposal to cut to a 3 day a week service; elections to the KAC Board; COVID-19 funding and what's next with COVID funding version 5, in the Senate version they're recommending moving the December 30 due dates back to the end of the counties budget of 2021 plus six months.

**Board Members:**

Richard Malm asked for a list of KAC Board Members leaving their positions, Bruce will forward to the Board. Ed Eilert asked for a report of the relationship with Federico and their effectiveness. Jay Hall will report on at the next Board Meeting. Gary Scoby asked to work with Bruce and the finance committee on the budget to make recommendations as to the proposed 2021 Budget. Bob Vidricksen inquired on absenteeism with the finance committee with additional discussions in relation to future attendance. President Chip Westfall asked Vice President Susan Hubble if she would be on the budget committee, so agreed. Gary Scoby to organize a meeting. Craig Cox inquired on the status of the 911 Contract up for bid. Bruce Chladny reported KAC does not have the Band Width to manage with all the requirements of what their needs are. Craig Cox expressed the importance of looking ways to increase income.

**Public:** No public comments.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Vidricksen, Secretary

Betty Oliva, Office Manager