



**Governing Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 9:00AM  
Teleconference / Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:**

**Chip Westfall**, *President*, Harvey County Commissioner;  
**Shari Kaminska**, *Vice-President / FC*, Elk County Commissioner;  
**Kenny Baccus**, *Treasurer / FC Chair*, Ottawa County Noxious Weed Director(9:30AM);  
**Dan Partridge**, *Secretary*, Director Lawrence-Douglas Co Public Health;

**Keith Becker**, FC, McPherson County Commissioner; **Wayne Blackburn**, FC, Engineer Coffey County;  
**Craig Cox**, Deputy County Counselor Riley County; **Max Dibble**, Phillips County Commissioner;  
**Susan Hubbell**, Kingman County Register of Deeds;  
**Richard Malm**, Jefferson County Commissioner; **Dr. Dee McKee**, Pottawatomie County Commissioner;  
**Brian Stone**, Emergency Management Director, Cowley County (left 10:15AM);  
**C.J. Wettstein**, Seward County Commissioner; **Frank Williams**, Operations Manager County EMS Director(9:50AM).

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**Absent:**

**Ed Eilert**, Chairman, Board of Johnson County Commissioners; **Patti Israel**, Ford County Appraiser;  
**Dean Haselhorst**, Ellis County Commissioner; **Don Pyle**, Crawford County Clerk;

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**Staff present:**

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

**Staff Absent:** Dornella Leal, Operations & Finance Director

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

Betty Oliva recorded attendance.

**Approval of the Agenda:** President Westfall asked if there were any amendments to the agenda, being none, Board approved by consensus.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Max Dibble made a motion to approve the December 16, 2020 minutes, Keith Becker seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Executive Director, Bruce Chladny:**

- Will begin attending County Commissioner Meetings.
- Reviewed the upcoming Commissioner training on Public Health. This is a partnership with KALHD and additional public groups that are involved in putting together a series of 4 webinars offered to all commissioners as well as other interest health officials discussing the importance of the commissioner's role in public health. The webinars are scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to attend, this is paid for by a grant through the Kansas Health Foundation.
- The District Highway meetings are being cancelled due to COVID.
- Jay & Bruce have been attending the Legislative committee meetings virtually.

Jay explained the current COVID protocol during the current Legislative session.

### **Legislative Report, Jay Hall:**

- SB13 - the House Committee seems favorable of moving the implementation date from 2021 to 2022. SB13 will likely pass in some version/form.
  - Health & Fitness amendment has been introduced that could possibly waive property taxes for some gyms.
  - SB13 implementation will have a cost to the state.

Jay & Bruce presented in the Senate Local Government Committee, highlighting what counties do, the services counties provide, and Jay talked about the legislative platform, looking at the future for counties. Provided information on the mortgage registration fee that was eliminated and the related losses to the counties.

- SB72 - has been introduced and would change the education requirements for appraisers. The Appraisers Association is opposing this bill; it would make it much more difficult for counties to hire appraisers qualified under these new requirements. This bill may present a more serious problem in the rural areas and smaller counties.

Messaging – there is a need to get out ahead of messaging. To make sure that our message is getting out, that we are being honest, transparent, and working for our citizens.

- HB2025 – Electronic and in person surveillance, having added the “Weed Directors” in this bill. Working on why the weed directors have been included, contacting the Senator who introduced the bill.

### **Education and Communications Director, Kim Qualls:**

The 2021 New Commissioners Orientation was a success with 105 registered attendees. The sessions have been recorded and can be viewed at any time. A list of all the links is forthcoming.

Currently working on topics for the Wednesday Webinars, looking at the possibility of holding Education seminars later this spring depending on where we are at with COVID. Will begin working on the 2021 County Commissioners Directory.

### **Finance Director, Dornella Leal:**

#### **Bruce Chladny provided a Financial Report review on behalf of Dornella Leal:**

The November and December 2020 financials are complete, showing a loss of \$103,000 for 2020. Several factors contributed to the loss, primarily in relation to COVID; not being able to hold the annual conference and the payout for the R. Allen settlement. The KAC reserves were used for the loss.

After reviewing the financial statements for November and December 2020 and the Bills and Payrolls Report for December 2020, Kenny Baccus made a motion to approve the said financials, Shari Kaminska seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **Richard Malm, NACO Representative Report:**

The Legislative Policy Meeting will now be spread out over approximately three weeks, the dates are forthcoming. The fee will be \$125. The committees will work on the legislation for 2022 and will be finalized and approved at the July meeting. In December 2021 they will send out about 8 to 10 legislative priorities to work on. The fee will be waived for anyone that attended the NACO New Commissioner Orientation.

Richard Malm’s NACO representation term expires in August 2021. It is a two-year term, a total of three terms, having to stand for election every two years. A replacement will need to be selected.

**Old Business:**

**Bruce Chladny, Selection of the KAC State Noxious Weed Board Representative:**

Brian Waldschmidt, Harper County Commissioner and Shari Kaminska, Elk County Commissioner, have submitted their letter of interest for self-nomination. The floor was opened for discussion on qualifications, etc.

President Westfall called for a motion. Craig Cox made a motion to elect Shari Kaminska, Keith Becker seconded the motion, motion carried.

**KAC Cash Accounting, Bruce Chladny:** Converting to Cash Accounting as of January 2021. Payroll processing was not able to convert at this time as QuickBooks Online is not capable to handle the appropriate reporting required with KPERS. The QuickBooks customer service/support was not able to resolve the issue. At this time SS&C will continue to process the KAC payroll.

**New Business:**

**Phone Audit Report Harvey County, Bruce Chladny:**

Allied Business Solutions, review phone costs and determine any possible savings. Bruce shared a report showing the savings found for Harvey County, expanding on how the process works when savings are discovered. Discussion included how to best communicate to counties on this being a service that is available.

**Comments and Announcements, President Westfall:**

- Reported he is receiving communication from the APCO Group, Dispatcher Groups reviewing the language in the House Bills and/or Senate Bills change that requires the state to recognize communication officers as first-line responders. Additional discussion ensued on this bill.
- Expanded on adding additional information or column in the KAC County Comment with County information.
- Colonel Jones with the Kansas Highway Patrol notified KAC that their Aircraft Purchase Program is back in their budget. The KHP made a presentation to the Board last March asking for our endorsement. KAC backed the program and our letter of endorsement continues to be in their packet.
- Medical Draw Down Bill – Frank Williams reported the bill has not had much movement. Some key things in relation to this is the Medicaid Expansion and how this holds up the process for this bill. Jay will follow up with Sean Gatewood the Legislative Liaison.

Discussion on the challenges faced by counties for receiving the COVID vaccine, the number of vaccines received, and the doses needed. Consensus was given for the KAC staff to reach out to the Governor's Office and KDHE on the statewide distribution and transparency concerns.

The next KAC Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 9:00AM by Virtual Zoom Meeting.

**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:55AM.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Dan Partridge, Secretary  
Betty Oliva, Office Manager