



KAC Governing Board Meeting – In Person Only
Monday, October 17, 2022, 7:30AM Breakfast / 8:00AM Meeting Start
Sheraton/Overland Park Convention Center
Sheraton/Maple Room

Attendees:

Kenny Baccus, *President*, Ottawa County Noxious Weed Director;
Max Dibble, *Secretary*, Phillips County Commissioner;
Dee McKee, *Vice-President*, Pottawatomie County Commissioner;
Frank Williams, *Treasurer / FC Chair*, Operations Manager County EMS Director.

Keith Becker, FC, McPherson County Commissioner;
Jeff Beyer, KCHA, Coffey County; **Craig Chamberlin**, Dickinson County Commissioner;
Terry David, FC, Rice County Commissioner; **Heather Elsworth**, Neosho County Clerk;
Aften Gardner, Wallace County Health Dept.; **Crystal Malchose**, KCHRA Human Resource Director;
Aaron Mays, Shawnee County Commissioner; **Sean Robertson**, Saline County Appraiser;
Justin Waggoner, Asst. Counselor Sedgwick County; **Wendy Weiss**, Lyon County Register of Deeds;
C.J. Wettstein, Seward County Commissioner.

Staff present:

Bruce Chladny, Executive Director; **Jay Hall**, Deputy Director & General Counsel; **Betty Oliva**, Office & Finance Manager;
Dornella Leal, Operations & Finance Director; **Keith Browning**, Local Road Engineer.

Absent: **Shari Kaminska**, FC, Elk County Commissioner; **Joe Leroux**, Ellis County Commissioner;
Brian Stone, Emergency Management Director, Cowley County;
Kimberly Qualls, Education & Communications Director.

Guests: **John Loch**, NACo

President Baccus called the meeting to order at 8:00AM.
Betty Oliva recorded attendance, for an official quorum.

Approval of the Agenda: President Baccus asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add under committee reports to include a report from Keith Browning, KAC Local Road Engineer. Aaron Mays made the motion to amend the agenda as stated, seconded by Frank Williams, with no additional discussion, motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes:

President Baccus asked if there were any changes or discussion for the September 28, 2022, minutes. With no additional discussion or corrections, Crystal Malchose moved to approve the minutes as presented, Terry David seconded the motion, motion passed.

Executive Director Report, Bruce Chladny:

Bruce Chladny welcomed everyone to the 47th KAC Annual Conference and Exhibition and to the October KAC Governing Board Meeting. He introduced and welcomed John Loch, representative from NACo as our guest today for the Board Meeting and attending the KAC Conference.

Bruce expanded on all the hard work that goes into making a conference successful and Kim Qualls has worked hard day and night to make the conference a success. Bruce thanked the Board members for their help in assisting as conveners for our conference speakers and to let us know if they have any questions.

Deputy Director and General Counsel, Jay Hall:

Jay reported on attending the Mental Health Bed Space Committee Meeting in Wichita and was joined by Commissioner Lon Pishny of Finney County. Jay provided testimony to the committee and Commissioner Pishny also made a presentation on how the states lack of mental health facilities impact the counties. The committee also heard from the Hospital Association and from Law Enforcement, both presenting information. The driving point is that more resources are needed for mental health beds, and the need for individuals to receive necessary treatment while waiting to be transferred to a mental hospital. Sedgwick County made their presentation on an intent to build a mental health facility in Sedgwick County which would help relieve some of the pressure on the mental health bedside. Some additional discussions are whether this should be a public or private facility. The committee is hoping to have their report ready before the start of the Legislative Session.

Medical Marijuana held a hearing last week. KAC did not participate in this hearing, but Jay watched some of it. He believes there may be more discussion on this because there are states around us passing the use of recreational marijuana. We will likely see some discussion during this year's legislative session.

Jay will be in front of the Senate Committee on Wind Turbine lighting on October 27, 2022. Chairwoman Bowers requested KAC to present some information at this meeting. Jay is working on information on wind turbine lighting. KAC is working with the League of Municipalities, they plan to mirror our testimony, it will be written testimony. There was some discussion that this is an FAA issue, and the FAA is driving what is required in this space. Senator Mike Thompson, Johnson County is Vice Chair on this Committee and is very interested on this issue.

Upcoming Elections: Important to support our County officials and support their work. With the primary voting turnout very high, makes predictions more difficult. There are several close races.

There were additional comments and discussion:

- Petitions, special election circumstances.
- LAVTR if funded for only one or two years.
- Election recount expenses incurred.

Education and Communications Director, Kim Qualls:

President Baccus reported on behalf of Kim Qualls with the Conference now up and running. Kim has stated the attendance numbers are up and looking great this year.

Finance Director, Dornella Leal:

Dornella provided a review of the September 30, 2022, financial statements and reported on KAC's cash position.

- September Income of \$82,875.49 includes:
 - KALHD for the Vaccine contract for service;
 - The 2022 Annual Conference for registrations, exhibition, and sponsorships;
- September Expenses of \$67,524.08 includes:
 - Travel expenses for NACo staff travel on credit cards;
- Net Income / (Loss) for September 2022 \$15,351.41
- Total Y-T-D Net Income as of September 2022 is \$317,831.00

Finance Committee:

Frank Williams reported the Finance Committee has reviewed the Bills & Payrolls Report and found everything to be true and correct and made a motion to accept the September 2022, Finance Report and the September 2022, Bills & Payrolls report as presented. Max Dibble seconded the motion, motion carried.

Keith Becker, NACo Representative:

- NACo has hit an all time high on their memberships, 85% in 2600 different counties.
- ARPA Funds, 1.5 billion for public lands.
- Operation Green Light will run November 7th through 13th, 2022 for recognition of all our Veterans.
- FCC announced a process for county review of Broadband maps. All counties should be aware of this, can access to find what your coverage is and if there are any questions to notify them.
- New Federal Law Inflation Reduction Act features direct payments for County renewable energy projects.
- NACo Cyber Security Simulations, can test your county's system for cyber-attacks.
- NACo is offering a leadership academy where over 6,000 county officials took part of.
- Mental Health, continue to work on aiding county employees and leaders in communities.

All information is available on the NACo website.

Old Business:

Approval of the KAC 2023 Operational Budget, Dornella Leal:

Dornella discussed the proposed 2023 KAC Operational Budget presented at last month's Board Meeting along with the 2023 recommended membership dues and methodology which shows minimal increases / decreases to counties. Bruce has recommended a 3% COLA for staff. Crystal Malchose made a motion to accept the operational budget as presented, seconded by Heather Elsworth. Motion passed.

New Business:

Kansas Counties Issues Update, Jay Hall & Bruce Chladny:

Jay briefed the Board on current county issues:

- Revenue neutral rate – discussed small publication errors and the effects of such.
- KAC will hold webinars in November/December on KORA and KOMA.

Bruce also addressed:

- For elected officials to think about job descriptions for Farm Bureau for posting to the website.
- Reminded everyone of the Affiliates and Associates Luncheon he is hosting on Wednesday and hopes to see everyone there.

Local Road Engineer Report, Keith Browning:

Keith provided a review of his position as the Local Road Engineer, having 100% county participation for 2022. He works to keep counties informed of current happenings, writing monthly articles for the *County Comment* newsletter and sends out semi-monthly email updates. He also reviewed the partnership KAC has with KDOT matching the amount of the LRE dues paid by counties.

Comments and Announcements:

President Baccus:

- President Baccus thanked everyone for their attendance today for breakfast and the Board Meeting. Its great to see everyone in person today.
- The next two KAC Board Meetings will be held by Zoom only.
- Reminded everyone to check over their agenda for conference as helping as conveners.
- The Weed Association of Kansas is working on a location for their 2024 Conference.

Board Members:

No additional comments.

Comments from the Associates & Affiliates:

- **Kansas County Commissioners Association** – No new updates.
- **County Counselors Association of Kansas** – CLE will be tomorrow.
- **Kansas Association Local Health Department** – No new updates.
- **Kansas County Clerks & Election Officials Association** – No new updates – meeting on Wednesday.
- **Kansas County Highway Association** – No new updates.
- **Kansas County Appraisers Association** – No new updates.
- **Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association** – Frank Williams, they will work on strategic planning beginning next week.
- **Kansas Register of Deeds** – No new updates.
- **Kansas County Human Resource Association** – Crystal Malchose, - they are participating in the *Green Light* for Veterans initiative. Extended an invitation for everyone to stop by their booth tomorrow and learn more about the KCHRA.
- **Kansas Emergency Management Association.**

President Baccus added this is a great time while attending the conference for reaching out, spending a little one on one time with each other, other counties, county departments and Commissioners.

Public: No attendees.

Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel Matters, President Baccus:

At 9:00AM Max Dibble made a motion that the KAC Governing Board Members recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel justification to the Kansas Open Meeting Act to discuss personnel matters for 10 minutes. The open meeting to resume, Kansas Association of Counties held at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel & Convention Center, 6000 College Blvd, in Overland Park / Johnson County, Kansas on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 9:10AM. The motion was seconded by Aaron Mays, motion carried. Executive Session is to include Jay Hall, Deputy Director, and General Counsel. The meeting was called back to order at 9:10AM, no binding action taken.

President Baccus made a motion to renew the contract for Bruce Chladny for 2023, Aften Gardner seconded the motion, with no additional discussion, the motion passed.

Adjournment:

President Baccus asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Crystal Malchose made a motion to adjourn today's meeting, Keith Becker seconded the motion, motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 9:12AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Max Dibble, Secretary

Betty Oliva, Finance & Office Manager