



**KAC Governing Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 10:00AM**  
**Celtic Fox meeting room, 118 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Topeka, KS**

**Attendees:**

**Kenny Baccus**, *President*, Ottawa County Noxious Weed Director;  
**Dee McKee**, *Vice-President*, Pottawatomie County Commissioner (10:15am);  
**Max Dibble**, *Secretary*, Phillips County Commissioner;

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**Keith Becker**, FC, McPherson County Commissioner, Zoom;  
**Craig Chamberlin**, Dickinson County Commissioner; **Terry David**, Rice County Commissioner;  
**Crystal Malchose**, KCHRA Human Resource Director;  
**Aaron Mays**, Shawnee County Commissioner; **Sean Robertson**, Saline County Appraiser, Zoom;  
**Brian Stone**, Emergency Management Director, Cowley County;  
**Justin Waggoner**, Asst. Counselor Sedgwick County, Zoom; **Wendy Weiss**, Lyon County Register of Deeds, Zoom;

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**Staff present:**

**Bruce Chladny**, Executive Director; **Jay Hall**, Deputy Director & General Counsel;  
**Betty Oliva**, Office & Finance Manager; **Dornella Leal**, Operations & Finance Director;  
**Kimberly Qualls**, Education and Communications Director;

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**Absent:**

**Wayne Blackburn**, FC, Engineer Coffey County; **Heather Elsworth**, Neosho County Clerk;  
**Aften Gardner**, Wallace County Health Dept.; **Shari Kaminska**, FC, Elk County Commissioner;  
**Joe Leroux**, Ellis County Commissioner; **C.J. Wettstein**, Seward County Commissioner;  
**Frank Williams**, *Treasurer / FC Chair*, Operations Manager County EMS Director.

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**Guests:**

**Duerst Consulting Group:** John Federico, Stephen Duerst, Mihailo Ilich  
**K-Camp:** David Luke, Maura Chambers

President Baccus called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Betty Oliva recorded attendance, for an official quorum.

**Approval of the Agenda:** President Baccus asked to amend today's agenda to allow our guest speakers from Federico / Duerst Consulting Group to speak at the beginning of our meeting. Max Dibble made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Terry David seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

President Baccus asked if there were any changes or discussion for the May 25, 2022 minutes. With no additional discussion, Brian Stone made a motion to approve the KAC Governing Board minutes of May 25, 2022, as presented. Terry David seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Business agreement with Federico / Duerst Consulting Group with John Federico, Stephen Duerst, and Mihailo Ilich:**

Jay introduced today's guests with Federico / Duerst Consulting Group. John Federico began with Stephen and Mihailo joining in their presentation, each introduced themselves and highlighted each of the work they provide.

Federico / Duerst are the eyes and ears inside the Capitol, providing monitoring services. This allows KAC to connect, interact and lobby directly with the Legislature. They employ six full-time lobbyist and four or five law clerks. They provide committee monitoring, stay connected and gather intel. KAC and Federico / Duerst have a great working partnership, working together to keep the lines of communication open.

**Executive Director Report, Bruce Chladny:**

Bruce thanked everyone for meeting at the Celtic Fox. As well as Betty for organizing the event. He gave a brief explanation as to how or why the Board meeting was being held at that location.

He then began to review his monthly activities since the last Governing Board meeting. He explained that he is taking part in crafting the State's Health Improvement plan. There is a group that is meeting virtually to look at the issues around public health and to help recommend programs and activities to assist the State in completing the task of developing a plan.

Bruce attended the Kansas County Appraisers Association Annual meeting in Wichita with Sean Robertson, Saline County Appraiser. He discussed the event and the mini report that he shared with the Executive Board following the meeting.

Next, he reported that he returned to Wichita for the National Rural Grocery Store Summit that was held by the Rural Grocery Store Initiative at Kansas State University. KAC was a supporting sponsor of the event and donated \$500 to the cause. Bruce has been on the advisory board of the Initiative for many years and sees value in maintaining a relationship with that program as rural grocery stores impact the quality of life for our members in our rural communities.

Bruce briefly mentioned that he joined Kim and Dornella, KAC staff, to attend the Midwest Association Staff meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. The goal of the three-day event was to bring staff members of the various mid-west associations together to build relationships and connections across state lines. More about the trip will be discussed later in the meeting.

Bruce then spoke about the Zoom meeting that he organized between the Kansas Department of Transportation and a national freight train advocacy group called Go Rail to discuss the Federal BIL stimulus money for rail that is being released. The two organizations have never met. They were both very appreciative as there were many issues that they identified that they could work on cooperatively in the future to ensure Kansas receives their share of the Federal dollars.

He then reported that he attended the KALHD Annual meeting in Salina and presented to the attendees a program that reviewed the responses of fifty-one county commissioners to an eight-question survey about their perceptions of public health. The responses demonstrated the need for communication and reporting of needs and successes to the commissioners.

Bruce will be traveling to Manhattan to serve on a task for that would make recommendations as to how to invest the State's BIL money.

Both Bruce and Jay will travel to Wichita to participate in the Mid-West Legislative Conference. The KAC governing Board had authorized the sponsorship of the event in the amount of \$5,000 at the request of Senator Carolyn McGinn. This sponsorship level allowed two KAC attendees at the conference.

Next, he will attend the NACo National Meeting in Aurora Colorado and will return for the next KAC Governing Board Meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

He then mentioned that he needed a representative to serve on the Governor's Wildfire Task force. KAC Governing Board member Terry David agreed to serve.

And he announced that he needed a representative to serve on the newly formed "988" mental crisis hotline advisory board. Commissioner McKee had a suggestion she would share.

Bruce then reported that he took a week off on personal leave to help his daughter construct a She-Shed on her property. There were no more questions or discussions.

**Deputy Director and General Counsel, Jay Hall:**

Jay provided a quick update on the Opioid Fund distribution, noting the amounts should be released sometime next month. He continued with additional specifics on distributions and some of the requirements to follow.

**Education and Communications Director, Kim Qualls:** Provided an update on the upcoming County Communicator Meeting Calls, and the importance of focusing on communications within counties. Tomorrow's County Communicator Call will focus on Instagram with presenter Carlin Daharsh, U.S. Politics & Government Outreach, Meta/Facebook. July's presenter

will be Chance Hayes, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, U.S. National Weather Service, Wichita, KS office. Kim is preparing an agenda for the remainder of this year.

Next Kim talked about the Iowa Staff Retreat being a great networking opportunity with partners and colleges from across the states and shared experiences and how beneficial this event is.

NACo Flag boxes are showing up across Kansas, Riley County recently featured it on social media. NACo and KAC are on the boxes used for collecting retiring flags.

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

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

- Income \$18,442.91
  - Secretariat service fees were received from KCHA and KCCA
- Expense \$63,377.01
  - Noted travel expenses showing usage for staff travel and board members
- Net Loss (\$44,934.10)
- Total Net Income as of May 2022 is \$267,327.00

#### **Finance Committee:**

Terry David reported the Finance Committee reviewed the Bills & Payrolls Report and found everything to be in order. Terry David made a motion to approve both the May 2022 financials and the May 2022 Bills & Payrolls report as presented. Dee McKee seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### **Keith Becker, NACo Representative:**

The Annual NACo Conference is in Adams County, Colorado, July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Currently there are three candidates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, with more information available on the NACo website.

Kim Hall notified Keith that Norton County is considering cancelling their NACo Membership – Keith will contact their commissioners for follow-up. Woodson County is interested in joining NACo and Keith will contact them as well.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **KAC Staff Travel Report – Des Moines, Iowa Trip, Dornella, Kim, Bruce:**

**Dornella** reported on the Iowa Staff Retreat held for several state associations. The retreat consisted of presentations and break-out sessions, meeting in groups on Financial and Administration, Media, and Executive Directors. Dornella expanded on how the office environment has changed over time, where many people are working from home and child-care has become an issue. Employees have experienced the flexibility and appreciate the options of working from home especially when child-care has become a concern.

**Kim** spoke very positively of the experience and expanded on her group, the importance of networking and partnerships. She shared details of the activities, opening night and the Botanical Garden. They also met three NACo representatives while attending. She is looking forward to next year's retreat.

**Bruce** talked on the history of this retreat when it had been held in Chicago. This year was very well received being held in Des Moines, Iowa. The location may rotate year to year. Bruce continued to expand on topics discussed, office policies, office inter-action, how to run the office and services being provided. Bruce thanked Kim and Dornella for organizing the trip.

##### **"Dark Store" Theory Johnson County Supreme Court Case update, Jay Hall:**

No ruling as of yet and Jay anticipates the ruling will come out closer to August. As soon as we learn the ruling, we will communicate how it will affect the counties.

##### **Kansas Fights Addiction – Opioid Settlement Update, Jay Hall:**

The additional funds for the Opioid settlement are forth coming. We are working with the Attorney General's office to accomplish basic processing questions and answers prior to receiving the larger portions and how to budget for these funds. Counties can and are encouraged to apply for grant funds.

### **New Business:**

#### **KCAMP Services Update, David Luke, and Maura Chambers, Dornella Leal:**

David Luke and Maura Chambers both made presentations on behalf of KCAMP. KCAMP's mission is to deliver high quality coverage and risk management services to its members in a manner which provides long-term financial stability, minimization of risks and protection of mutual interests. David and Maura expanded on Pooling, its advantages, pooling versus Commercial Insurance and coverage lines. They also talked in detail about Risk Management and Cyber Risk. An informational brochure was distributed providing details the lines of coverages offered, KCAMP's Governance, and the many resources KCAMP offers to county members.

#### **KAC Annual Conference Update, Kimberly Qualls:**

The conference is well underway with registrations, exhibitors, sponsorships, and advertising. Kim expanded on the sponsorship levels with some changes coming this year. Also included were the current stats compared to budget. RegFox is the platform used this year for the KAC Conference; it has proven to simplify the registration process and is user friendly.

#### **Kansas Counties Update, Bruce Chladny & Jay Hall:**

Jay updated the Board on various current items within several counties. Many counties call KAC for guidance or as a resource when a need may arise on current events within their county.

### **Comments and Announcements:**

#### **From the Board President:**

President Baccus thanked everyone for their attendance today and reminded everyone to make their room reservation and register for the KAC Conference.

#### **Board Members:**

Dee McKee inquired on the funding for "988". Jay reported 988 has been funded for this year, with additional discussion in reference to its operation and additional information forthcoming.

#### **Additional comments from the Associates & Affiliates:**

- Kansas County Commissioners Association
- County Counselors Association of Kansas
- Kansas Association Local Health Department
- Kansas County Clerks & Election Officials Association
- Kansas County Highway Association
- Kansas County Appraisers Association
- Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association
- Kansas Emergency Management Association
- Kansas Register of Deeds
- Kansas County Human Resource Association, Crystal Malchose commented how the recent Supreme Court situation may have effects on insurance coverages provided to employees within organizations. Believes the services KCAMP has to offer are invaluable.

**Public:** No attendees.

**Adjournment:** The next KAC Governing Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 9:00AM, Virtual Only. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50PM

Respectfully submitted:

Max Dibble, Secretary

Betty Oliva, Finance & Office Manager