



KAC Governing Board Meeting
Thursday, April 27, 2023, 1:00PM
VIRTUAL ONLY
Hilton Garden Inn
Hays, KS

Attendees:

Aaron Mays, *President*, Shawnee County Commissioner;
Sean Robertson, *Secretary*, Saline County Appraiser, Zoom;

Keith Becker, FC, NACo Representative, McPherson County Commissioner;
Craig Chamberlin, Dickinson County Commissioner; **Terry David**, FC, Rice County Commissioner, Zoom;
Max Dibble, Phillips County Commissioner, Zoom; **Ianne Dickinson**, Franklin County Commissioner;
Matt May, Emergency Management Director, Unified Govt Wyandotte Co/KCK, Zoom;
Karla Nichols, KALHD, Reno County Public Health Dept. Administrator, Zoom;
Justin Waggoner, Asst. Counselor Sedgwick County, Zoom; **CJ Wettstein**, Seward County Commissioner, Zoom;
Frank Williams, *Vice-President*, KEMSA, Butler Count EMS Director, Zoom.

Staff present:

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

Absent: **Kenny Baccus**, Ottawa County Noxious Weed Director; **Heather Elsworth**, Neosho County Clerk;
Brice Goebel, KCHA, County Engineer, Marion County;
Crystal Malchose, *Treasurer*, Geary County KCHRA Human Resource Director;
Dee McKee, Pottawatomie County Commissioner; **Wendy Weiss**, Lyon County Register of Deeds;

President Mays called the meeting to order at 1:00PM;
Betty Oliva recorded attendance for an official quorum.

Approval of the Agenda: President Mays asked for approval of today's agenda with an addition item for discussion under New Business to include *INK-Information Networks Kansas* and made a motion to approve. Ianne Dickinson seconded the motion, motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes:

President Mays asked for approval of the March 29, 2023, minutes. Keith Becker moved to approve the minutes as presented, Craig Chamberlin seconded the motion, motion passed.

Executive Director Report, Bruce Chladny:

Bruce thanked the Commissioners for joining in-person and welcomed all attendees by Zoom.
Bruce reported it's been a busy month attending several meetings:

- *District 2 meeting*, held in Geary County at the Milford Lake Resort. He was joined by Keith Browning as well as several members of KDOT. Bruce presented to the group a brief recap of what was happening at the KAC.
- *District 5 meeting*, held in St John, KS with a similar crowd for making the same presentation.
- *County Government 101* class was held in Salina KS where twenty county staff were in attendance as part of the Roads Scholar program; Foundations in County Government Program. This was the first time offering this program in person since Bruce began work with the KAC. It will now be part of the regular offerings for the Road Scholars Program moving forward.
- *District 3 meeting / "Little KAC"* - held in Colby KS on the campus of the Colby County Community College. Bruce moderated the morning's events, including giving a brief report about the happenings of KAC and introduced the State Legislative speakers who sat on the panel.

Bruce, Jay, and Haleigh attended lunch with the League staff to discuss legislative and programming issues. Bruce was happy to report the new Executive Director for the League is a friend of KAC and is optimistic that there will be cooperation between our two organizations moving forward.

Bruce discussed attending the KCCA conference in Hays and was appreciative of all the hard work from Kim and KAC staff; he will also attend the *Clerks Association meeting in Topeka*, and the *Kansas County Highway Association meeting in Manhattan* later this month.

Bruce reported that he will begin work on developing LAVTR materials that can be used to educate Kansans about this unfunded funding source for Counties.

There was no additional discussion or questions.

Deputy Director and General Counsel, Jay Hall:

Jay briefed the Board on the current status of the Legislature with the Senate having just returned from lunch.

- SB8 passed and will head to the Governor; she has said she will veto this bill upon its arrival. It did not pass either chamber with a veto proof majority;
- SB 228, Jail Bill, veto was overridden in both the House and Senate and will go into law;
- SB169 Tax Bill, veto was sustained and will not go into law;
- SB209 Advance Ballots, veto was sustained;
- HB2344 Childcare, veto was sustained;
- SB180 Women's Bill of Rights, veto was overridden;
- Waiting to see what will happen with the line-item vetoes with the Senate;
- HB2184 is still pending.

Education and Communications Director, Kim Qualls:

Kim provided a quick review summarizing the KCCA Conference this week and on future conferences for the KCCEO May 2-5, 2023, and the KCHA Spring Conference May 15-17, 2023.

- Moving forward with ***Foundations in County Government Program***;
- KAC Conference in Wichita this December.

Finance Director, Dornella Leal:

Dornella provided a review of the March 31, 2023, financial statements and reported on KAC's cash position.

- March Income was \$45,531.53 which includes:
 - County Membership Dues;
 - Affiliate & Associate Dues;
 - Local Road Engineer subscription fees;
 - Education registration fees.
- March Expenses of \$68,863.53 includes:
 - Travel expenses for Staff & Board for the NACo Conference held in Washington DC;
 - KWORCC annual workers compensation premium.
- Net Loss for March 2023, -\$23,332.00.

Dornella noted the bulk of KAC's income is received in the first quarter of each year and then again at the time for each annual conference towards the fourth quarter each year.

Finance Committee:

Terry David reported the Finance Committee reviewed all the financial data for March and found everything to be in order. Terry made a motion to approve both the Bills & Payrolls Report and the Financials for March 31, 2023, as presented. Max Dibble seconded the motion, motion passed.

Keith Becker, NACo Representative:

Keith reported on current NACo activities:

- Attended zoom calls with the AG Committee in relation to the Farm Bill;

- Met with RAC/Rural Action Caucus;
- Will attend the WIR meeting in St. George, Utah on May 15th.

Old Business: No Old Business at this time.

New Business:

Kansas Counties Issues Update, Jay Hall, and Bruce Chladny:

Jay and Bruce discussed:

- Re-occurring issues in relation to budgets and elected official's salaries; appropriate salaries, raises, etc.
- Alerted everyone to pay close attention to the Legislative session winding down, the items that have been passed and going into effect July 1, 2023.

Information Network Kansas, Bruce Chladny:

Lucas Goff served on the INK Board whose term has expired. Crystal Malchose had previously been nominated to serve on the Board but was not selected by the Governor at that time. Bruce addressed re-nominating her again by the KAC Board for consideration and approval by the Governor. Crystal is still willing to serve if selected. President Mays made a motion to nominate Crystal Malchose to serve on the INK Board, Frank Williams seconded the motion, motion passed.

Comments and Announcements:

Board President Mays:

Great Conference, great information and appreciates everyone's hard work and extended a thank you to Ellis County for hosting the KCCA Conference this year.

Comments from the Associates & Affiliates:

- **Kansas County Commissioners Association** – Max Dibble commented Marvin Matchett, Norton County Commissioner has submitted a letter of interest for the open KAC Board position, District 3.
- **County Counselors Association of Kansas**, Justin Waggoner – June 16, 2023, CLE will include Legislative updates and ethics, held virtually, CLE credits.
- **Kansas Association Local Health Department**, Karla Nichols – There is an upcoming non-competitive grant coming to all Public Health Departments; *Transforming Public Health in Kansas By Strengthening Our Workforce*. 10 million dollars will be available to health departments. Applications will be July 1, 2023, this will be a five-year grant.
- **Kansas County Clerks & Election Officials Association**, Heather Elsworth – absent.
- **Kansas County Highway Association**, Brice Goebel – absent.
- **Kansas County Appraisers Association**, Sean Robertson – Appraisers have followed the Legislature for changes; finishing up the Real Estate informal meetings with taxpayers; certifying values to the Clerks within the next month.
- **Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association**, Frank Williams – Successful in Legislation this year; increased ground, and air reimbursements from Medicaid to 100%. Annual Conference August 10-13, 2023, in Mulvane, KS.
- **Kansas Register of Deeds**, Wendy Weiss – absent.
- **Kansas County Human Resource Association**, Crystal Malchose – absent
- **Kansas Emergency Management Association**, Matt May – Thanked Bruce and Jay for planning to attend the EMS Conference in September. A new Adjunct General has been sworn in.
- **County Weed Directors Association of Kansas**, Kenny Baccus – absent.
- **Public:** No attendees.

Upcoming KAC Governing Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2023 @ 1:00PM, Location TBD.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:40PM

Respectfully submitted:

Sean Robertson, Secretary

Betty Oliva, Finance & Office Manager