



48th Annual Kansas County Commissioners Association Spring Conference

April 16-18, 2024

Pittsburg - Crawford County, KS

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Pre-Conference Workshop: Budget Basics & Beyond: Tips on Developing an Effective County**

Robert Reece, Finney County Administrator

Jenny Newberry Hamill, Finney County Assistant Administrator/Director of Finance

Please join us for an informative presentation and discussion on County Budgeting. During our time together you will hear many of the need-to-know basics that go into the preparation of creating a County Budget. We will also cover strategies that will help make efficient use of county financial resources including inventory management equipment purchase and replace strategies, CIP approaches and more.

The workshop will cover detailed information on how to:

- Define the role of the County Commission as financial policy makers and the related roles of other elected and appointed officials and that of the citizens.
- Establish the legal parameters for the County budget and identify the functions of a capital and annual operating budget.
- Propose processes for preparing, adopting and managing the budget.
- Explain how county government is financed and suggest techniques for estimating county revenues.
- Interpret the accounting practice of governmental fund structure and how it impacts budgeting and the financial reporting.
- Identify leadership strategies that contribute to wise, effective and responsible financial decisions.

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Opening Reception at The Dirty Mule

Generously sponsored by KCAMP and KWORCC. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres and bar provided. Bus transportation provided to and from Hampton Inn.

5:30 p.m.

Buses will load and depart from the Hampton Inn.

8 p.m.

Buses will load and return to the Hampton Inn.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.

Conference Registration Opens & Breakfast Buffet

7:15 a.m.

Call to Order & Welcoming Remarks

KCCA Vice President Max Dibble, Phillips County Commissioner

7:20 a.m.

Welcome to Crawford County

Crawford County Commissioner Carl Wood

City of Pittsburg Mayor Stu Hite

- 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. **2024 Legislative Session Update**
 Jay Hall, Deputy Director and General Counsel, Kansas Association of Counties
 Mike Taylor, KCCA Lobbyist / StrategyConsultants Owner
- 9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Accessing Grants Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**
 Matt Hanson, Lead of the Capacity Extension Team and Associate Managing Director, Witt O'Brien's

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides historic investment in U.S. infrastructure, with \$1.2 trillion in formula and discretionary funding for transportation, energy, cybersecurity, broadband, water, and resilience. Kansas is estimated to receive \$3.8 billion in formula funds over a five-year period. Learn about NO COST resources to help your community take advantage of programs funded through BIL, how to access resources, and how to take advantage of Build Kansas Funds to secure the required local match for BIL programs.

- 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **The Appraisal Process in Kansas: The Role of the Appraiser, the Commissioners, and the State**
 David Harper, Director of Property Valuation (PVD) & Division of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue

From the hiring of the county appraiser to the annual appraisal of all tangible property in each county to the appraisal compliance review by the Property Valuation Division, (PVD), the appraisal process in Kansas is a complex process. In this session, PVD will explain the appraisal process and the unique roles of the various participants.

- 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Lunch Buffet & Keynote Presentation: Coach and the Cowboy**
 Step into the world of Coach Brandon Clark and Kevin Chase, and prepare to be inspired.

Their journey began two decades ago when fate brought them together, and since then, they have embarked on a remarkable mission to make a difference. Together, Coach and the Cowboy, as Kevin is affectionately known, joined forces to create the transformative One Degree Compass culture framework. This extraordinary culture program acts as a guiding light, emphasizing accountability, character, energy, and service. Initially conceived for the Derby Football Team, its influence has since expanded, permeating the very fabric of the City of Derby Kansas, School District, Rec Commission, and numerous corporations throughout the Midwest. They bring a wealth of experience and an abundance of real-life stories from the ranch, the boardroom, and the football field. Brace yourself for an engaging and enlightening presentation that will leave you inspired.

- 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. **Ethics & Accountability for County Government**
 Craig Cox, Attorney-At-Law
- 2 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Who's Behind the News? A Media Panel Discussion**
 Mike Taylor, KCCA Lobbyist; StrategyConsultants Owner
 Tawnya Bach, Anchor/Reporter, KOAM TV
 Ron Womble, News Editor, The Morning Sun
 Charlie Ban, Digital Editor and Senior Writer, National Association of Counties

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. **Commissioner Conversations by Population Groups:**
Urban (70,000+)
25,000 to 69,999
10,000 to 24,999
5,000 to 9,999
Less than 4,999

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Evening Dinner Event at Kansas Crossing Casino**

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. **Social Reception**
6:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Dinner & Networking**

Thursday, April 18, 2024

7 a.m. – 8 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**

7:30 a.m. – 8 a.m. **Commissioner Breakout Reports**

8 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **NACo Membership Update**
Keith Becker, Kansas NACo Representative/McPherson County

8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Unlocking the Power of Community through Engagement Strategies**
Juliane Walker, MSW, Project Specialist, WSU Community Engagement Institute; and Aaron Davis, Director, WSU Center for Public Health Initiatives

Community engagement is vital for boosting civic participation and building trust within communities. It is a process that evolves over time through relationship building, regular communication, thoughtful inclusion of diverse voices from the community, mobilizing resources, identifying issues, and crafting solutions. This interactive session will help participants identify activities within a community participation continuum and navigate methods of engagement that can be put into practice and/or adapted to local community needs. In this interactive session, participants will learn to identify various levels of community involvement and explore practical engagement methods tailored to local needs.

- Recognize the purpose and the different methods of community engagement.
- Learn key principles to help build trusting and effective relationships.
- Recognize barriers to community engagement and identify solutions to overcoming the barriers.
- Identify how community engagement can benefit local government.

9:45 a.m. – 10 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Ethical AI in Action: A Hands-On Guide for County Commissioners & Local Government Staff**
Aaron Davis, Center for Public Health Initiatives, Wichita State University
Tatiana Lin, Director of Business Strategy and Innovation, Kansas Health Institute

Given the rising use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) across sectors, understanding if and how tools like ChatGPT can aid county government work is crucial. The session, presented by the Community Engagement Institute at Wichita State University and the Kansas Health Institute, will offer an AI overview, specifically ChatGPT, highlighting potential uses in tasks such as proofreading, document improvement, creating talking points, and more. Through a combination of presentation and hands-on workshop, it will cover crafting effective prompts, enhancing ChatGPT response accuracy, and ethical AI use in decision-making, including legal and equity considerations. The workshop targets all local government professionals and county commissioners.

11:30 a.m. – 12 PM **Concluding Remarks & Adjournment**



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Population Breakout by Kansas County

Urban: 70,000 >

Douglas
Johnson
Leavenworth
Riley
Sedgwick
Shawnee
Unified Government
of Wyandotte/KCK

25,000 – 69,999

Barton
Butler
Cowley
Crawford
Ellis
Finney
Ford
Franklin
Geary
Harvey
Lyon
McPherson
Miami
Montgomery
Reno
Saline

10,000 – 24,999

Allen
Atchison
Bourbon
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Jefferson
Labette
Marion
Nemaha
Neosho
Osage
Pottawatomie
Seward
Sumner

5,000 – 9,999

Anderson
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