

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
March 1, 2013**

Call to Order: Jim Palmer 9:00 a.m.

Present Telephonically:

Barry Weller	Apache County
Ann English	Cochise County
Mandy Metzger	Coconino County
Tommie Martin	Gila County
Jim Palmer	Graham County
Buster Johnson	Mohave County
Sylvia Allen	Navajo County
Pete Rios	Pinal County
Tom Thurman	Yavapai County

Absent: David Gomez (Greenlee), Holly Irwin (La Paz), Steve Chucuri (Maricopa), Sharon Bronson (Pima), Manny Ruiz (Santa Cruz), Lenore Stuart (Yuma)

Proxy: Gary Watson (Mohave), David Tenney (Navajo)

Others present telephonically: Delwin Wengert, Mike Ortega, Joanne Keene, Matt Rudig, Marlyn Summers, Terry Cooper, Manny Gonzales, Yvonne Pearson, Hunter Moore, Robert Pickels, Phil Bourdon, Laura Magnus

Others present in person: Rick Bohan, Beth Lewallen, Sabrina Vazquez, Katie Prendergast, Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Todd Madeksza, Kristin Cipolla, Dan Bogert, Yvonne Ortega

President-elect Jim Palmer chaired the meeting for President Lenore Stuart, who is on her way to Washington, D.C., for the NACo conference. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was not present due to some people travelling to the NACo conference.

State and Federal Budget Update

Craig Sullivan stated that since last week was the last week to hear bills in the house of origin in committee, focus centered on processing bills through Committee of the Whole and Third Read. Budget discussions will accelerate in the next few weeks with a focus on the healthcare expansion and revenues.

Sequestration. Dan Bogert stated that the federal sequester begins today. He said President Obama and congressional leadership will be meeting at the White House today. Afterwards, the President will sign a letter instructing federal agencies to cut their budgets by the amounts the sequester demands. Furlough notices should begin to be sent to federal employees in midMarch. He also noted that any government checks for grant programs and federal payments will be cut by either 7.6 percent or 8.2 percent. He stated that March 27 marks the end of the current Continuing Resolution, which would require Congress to determine a budget solution to avert a federal shutdown. In response to President-elect Palmer's question, Dan stated that under current law, PILT would be reduced by 7.6 percent because it had been reclassified as a mandatory program, which keeps it in the lower cut program.

TPT Proposal

Craig reported that [HB 2657](#) passed the House Ways and Means committee a week ago, but it was doubly assigned. The second assigned committee is Appropriations, but as the committee chairman has expressed concerns, it has not yet been listed on his agenda.

Craig stated that the Department of Revenue (DOR) cancelled a meeting with CSA this week because they are focusing internally on how to assess the bill and how to move forward. He spoke with DOR last week and they still would like to meet.

Legislative Bills / Issues for Discussion and Possible Consideration

Regulatory Reform

1. [HB 2443](#) cities; counties; regulatory review. Todd Madeksza had circulated for feedback. The bill should go to the floor next week with an amendment CSA negotiated. Todd will circulate the amendment.
2. [SB 1463](#) counties; flood control districts; rules. Todd stated he met with the bill sponsor last week. CSA is evaluating how the sponsor has proposed to move forward.

General

3. [HB 2164](#) DHS; food inspection; exception. Todd stated that the health officers have discussed the bill, the Department of Health Services has not registered opposition, and the bill has not received any no votes.
4. [HB 2311](#) S/E restitution lien; administrative hearing. Kristin Cipolla stated that a strike everything was put on the bill changing it to restitution lien; administrative hearing. She noted that six counties currently make use of restitution liens on vehicles. It passed the House yesterday on a Third Read calendar. CSA will continue to monitor.
5. [HB 2430](#) tech correction; immunization; informed consent. Mark Barnes attended a stakeholder meeting this year after a change in the federal program that now eliminates reimbursement for immunizations for children who have private insurance. He is working with the bill sponsor to change a few words in an amendment to reimburse counties at an in-network rate versus an out-of-network rate.
6. [SB 1266](#) illegal dumping; penalties. Kristin stated the bill was amended in committee. The bill passed the Senate Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs committee and is awaiting a hearing in Rules.

Update of CSA-sponsored Bills

Todd reviewed the status of CSA's agenda bills.

1. [HB 2124](#) fire districts reorganization elections. Assigned to Senate Elections.
2. [HB 2138](#) municipalities; rights-of-way; transfer. Assigned to Rules. There is an issue between the bill sponsor and the Senate President.
3. [SB 1098](#) medical marijuana; zoning authority. Passed House Agriculture and Water.
4. [HB 2175](#) special districts; use fees. Assigned to Senate Government and Environment.
5. [SB 1284](#) county general excise tax rate. CSA continues to work with the Senate President to address his concerns.

Other Business

In response to President-elect Palmer, Todd provided an update on [HB 2519](#). The bill had been double assigned; it passed the House Ways and Means committee, but it was not heard in the Government committee. It is essentially dead in the House.

In response to President-elect Palmer, Todd provided an update on [SB 1231](#). He stated that he had attended a stakeholder meeting on this. He will circulate some frequently asked questions on the bill and will bring it back for future discussion.

In response to Supervisor Tom Thurman, Todd provided an update on [HB 2338](#). He stated the bill is dead, but the issue is not dead to the House Speaker. CSA will monitor to see if it shows up in Appropriations committee.

Dan Bogert provided an update on [HB 2331](#). The bill was not heard in House Ways and Means, but an amendment is being circulated. CSA will distribute the amendment language to counties and will provide a future update.

Next Meeting Date and Time

The next LPC meeting will be held on Friday, March 8, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

President-elect Palmer expressed his appreciation to staff. There being no further business, President-elect Palmer adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.