



County Supervisors ASSOCIATION of arizona

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**MINUTES FOR THE
COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 23, 2014
County Supervisors Association
Boardrooms A and B
1905 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona**

President James Palmer called the County Supervisors Association Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The following members were present:

Barry Weller, Apache County	Hildy Angius, Mohave County
Joe Shirley, Jr., Apache County	David Tenney, Navajo County
Elizabeth Archuleta, Coconino County	Sylvia Allen, Navajo County
Mandy Metzger, Coconino County (<i>telephonically</i>)	Jonathan M. Nez, Navajo County
Lena Fowler, Coconino County	Jesse Thompson, Navajo County
Tommie Martin, Gila County	Raymond Carroll, Pima County
Michael A. Pastor, Gila County	Anthony Smith, Pinal County
John D. Marcanti, Gila County	Todd H. House, Pinal County
Jim Palmer, Graham County	Pete Rios, Pinal County
Robert Corbell, Greenlee County	Stephen Miller, Pinal County
David Gomez, Greenlee County	Manny Ruiz, Santa Cruz County
D. L. Wilson, La Paz County	Thomas Thurman, Yavapai County
King E. Clapperton, La Paz County	Lenore L. Stuart, Yuma County (<i>telephonically</i>)
Denny Barney, Maricopa County	Russ Clark, Yuma County
Andy Kunasek, Maricopa County	Greg Ferguson, Yuma County (<i>telephonically</i>)
Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa County	Russell McCloud, Yuma County
Steve Moss, Mohave County	

Members Absent:

Tom White, Jr., Apache County	Buster Johnson, Mohave County
Ann English, Cochise County	Dawnafe Whitesinger, Navajo County
Pat Call, Cochise County	Sharon Bronson, Pima County
Richard Searle, Cochise County	Ally Miller, Pima County
Matt Ryan, Coconino County	Richard Elías, Pima County
Art Babbott, Coconino County	Ramón Valadez, Pima County
Danny Smith, Graham County	Cheryl Chase, Pinal County
Drew John, Graham County	Rudy Molera, Santa Cruz County
Ron Campbell, Greenlee County	John Maynard, Santa Cruz County
Holly Irwin, La Paz County	Rowle P. Simmons, Yavapai County
Clint Hickman, Maricopa County	Chip Davis, Yavapai County
Steve Chucru, Maricopa County	Jack Smith, Yavapai County
Gary Watson, Mohave County	Craig Brown, Yavapai County
Joy Brotherton, Mohave County	Tony Reyes, Yuma County

Proxies:

Matt Ryan, Coconino County	Art Babbott, Coconino County
Holly Irwin, La Paz County	Clint Hickman, Maricopa County
Joy Brotherton, Mohave County	Dawnafe Whitesinger, Navajo County

Others present in person or telephonically: Senate President Andy Biggs; Rod Ross; Max Wilson; Laura Wilson; Jim Keeler; Michelle Murphy; Terry Cooper; Kay Gale; Robert Pickels; James Jayne; Delwin Wengert; Carlos Rivera; Rick Bohan; Joanne Keene; Page Gonzales; Michelle Hindman; Scott Isham; Jim Bloom; Candice Cople; Matt Rudig; Terri Leija; Amanda Nash; Ana Wayman-Trujillo; Tom Dorn; Nancy McLean; James Candland; Bonnie Weller; Sabrina Vazquez; Mark Barnes; Craig Sullivan; Penny Adams; Todd Madeksza; Dan Bogert; Kristin Cipolla; Yvonne Ortega

WELCOME

President Jim Palmer welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and acknowledged a quorum was present. Supervisor Barry Weller led the invocation. Supervisor Anthony Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

The board gave a warm welcome to former Maricopa County supervisor Max Wilson (and past CSA president) Mr. Wilson said he dropped by to see some old friends.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Supervisor Manny Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013, Board of Directors meeting. Supervisor Tommie Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Manny Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2014, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Jesse Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PILT OVERVIEW AND REPORT

Craig Sullivan said that funding for PILT (Payments in Lieu of Taxes) was not included in the federal omnibus bill. The focus now is to amend it onto the federal Farm bill at a one-year allocation. Full funding of PILT would then need to be the focus going forward. Craig noted that the presentation in the agenda packet is a tool CSA uses to educate congressional staff and others about PILT. In addition, Craig presented a draft resolution for the board's consideration urging Congress to fully fund PILT. Dan Bogert reviewed the PILT PowerPoint presentation, centering on the history of it and the importance of it to Arizona. Supervisor Liz Archuleta provided that she would be attending a PILT strategy conference call next week as chairman of the Federal Lands Payments Committee, a subcommittee of the NACo Public Lands Steering Committee. She encouraged counties to adopt the PILT resolution as quickly as possible and she said she would share CSA's PILT presentation with her committee colleagues.

President Palmer also promoted passing the resolution and suggested counties consider calling a special board meeting in order to get it adopted by next week. He said that at the meeting with Senator McCain this week, McCain had indicated the Farm bill was the best bet to getting funding for PILT this year. Supervisor Manny Ruiz noted that AACo will be considering a PILT resolution tomorrow and queried where all the county resolutions should be sent in order to get them to congressional members. Craig asked counties to send the resolutions to CSA once passed and CSA would coordinate with AACo on getting them to the congressional members. He encouraged counties to include their local perspective within the body of the resolution. Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox commented that Senator McCain had indicated it would be beneficial to talk with other senators. She said Senator Harry Reed is in town and she will mention it to him tonight. Supervisor Hildy Angius also said she would talk with Senator Flake about it when she meets with him later today. Supervisor Tom Thurman said Senator McCain had encouraged counties to put what the impact does to each county within the resolution. He made a motion to approve the PILT resolution urging Congress to immediately provide full funding of PILT. Supervisor Manny Ruiz seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. President Palmer commented that it should be reported to the congressional delegation that passage of the resolution was by unanimous vote. Supervisor Ruiz thanked CSA and President Palmer for their leadership in getting a meeting for the counties with Senator McCain.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Governor's Budget Recommendation Report. Craig Sullivan provided information contained in the Governor's budget recommendation, including Child Protective Services (CPS), K-12, one-time capital for state buildings, rainy day fund deposit, university parity phase-in, Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) exemption, and an Executive directive to budget staff to have a structural balance in FY2016. Craig then explained whether CSA's key objectives [Sexually Violent Persons (SVPs), Restoration to Competency (RTC), county lottery revenue, flexibility language, state aid to indigent defense, and Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF)] were contained in the Governor's budget recommendation and/or the Joint Legislative Budget Committee's (JLBC) baseline budget. CSA will continue to reinforce county issues with legislators and will continue to report out to counties.

THE HONORABLE ANDY BIGGS, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

President Palmer welcomed Senate President Biggs. President Biggs provided his forecast of the legislative session. He commented that counties have helped the state get back on the right footing, revenue growth can now be seen, and HURF funding has been used to bridge the gap in the state's budget for a number of years. He said he was hopeful counties could expect the state to not take from

HURF again this year. President Biggs reported out on some of the legislative issues before the legislature and responded to supervisors' questions on specific legislation. Some of the issues discussed with President Biggs were fireworks authority, SVPs, HURF, CPS, gas tax, transportation, state sovereignty, Mexican grey wolf, rural county issues, appointment to the Senate, tax revenue on Native American reservations, and PILT. Supervisor Ruiz mentioned that the CSA board passed a resolution today urging Congress to fully fund PILT, and he requested the Senate pass a similar resolution in support of CSA's actions. President Biggs said he would review the CSA's resolution. President Palmer thanked President Biggs for his time and said counties are looking forward to communicating with him during the session.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION CONT.

Transportation Advocacy. Craig stated that CSA has worked with several counties on collateral pieces. He requested counties continue to work with CSA to get these created for each county. Craig thanked Todd Madeksza and Mohave, Yavapai, and Navajo (including Supervisor David Tenney) counties for briefing the House Transportation committee this morning on critical county activities. Next week, CSA will report out to a Joint Transportation Committee. President Palmer reiterated that transportation is at the top of CSA's priority list and will be heavily reported on as things move forward.

Legislation for Discussion. Todd Madeksza explained the following bills were for consideration only.

[HB 2056 retirement; return to work.](#) Todd said this bill had been defeated last year.

[HB 2069 ASRS; political subdivision entities.](#) Todd mentioned this was the second time this bill has been brought forward.

[HB 2203 ASRS; PSPRS; board membership.](#) Todd explained the bill and encouraged supervisors to discuss it with their county managers. Supervisor Greg Ferguson provided some additional information as a member of the PSPRS board.

[HB 2330 municipalities; de-annexation; public right-of-way.](#) Todd reported that this will be brought to a future Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) meeting, along with other annexation bills.

[HB 2379 special districts; secondary levy limits.](#) Mark Barnes noted that this bill had previously been vetoed by the Governor in 2011. After explaining the bill, he added that The Goldwater Institute report on special districts had been distributed to county managers. The bill sponsor is Representative Olson and it is scheduled in the Ways and Means committee next Monday. Supervisor Andy Kunasek moved to oppose H.B. 2379. Supervisor David Tenney seconded the motion and the motion was approved with one opposed.

[HB 2386 special districts; elections; financing; limits.](#) Mark Barnes reported on this bill, although it was not listed on the board agenda. He said it was similar to the previous bill and was also by Representative Olson. Todd stated it would be brought to the LPC.

[SB 1063 misconduct involving weapons; firearm storage.](#) Kristin Cipolla reported out on this bill.

CSA Statutory Agenda. Todd explained that some bill numbers have been assigned, but others are still in folders.

[HB 2149 state parks; SLIF fund distribution.](#) Expect to be in committee next week.

[HB 2218 fire districts reorganization elections.](#) Same as last year's legislation.

[HB 2224 sale of fireworks; counties.](#) Representative Fann is enthusiastic about this bill.

[HB 2240 developmental disabilities; client income; retention.](#) Todd noted that this would be a fiscal impact to the state and is trying to determine the impact.

[HB 2320 county seals; approval of use.](#) This bill is identical to a Senate bill by Senator McGuire.

Folder #610 Court-ordered evaluations; federal payments. Expect the bill to be dropped next week.

Folder #613 County abatements; property liens.

Folder #853 Special district use fees. This bill is the same as one last year.

AACo. Todd explained the following bills from the Arizona Association of Counties' (AACo) legislative package.

[HB 2005 community colleges; nonresidents; reimbursement.](#)

[HB 2287 county treasurer; lien; sale.](#)

[HB 2460 probation; community supervision; search; seizure.](#)

[SB 1131 county treasurer; liability.](#)

Review of Signing Into New ALIS System. Kristin reviewed how counties can sign into the new legislation online system.

NACO REPORT

NACo Presidents and Executive Directors Meeting. President Palmer reported out on the Presidents and Executive Directors meeting held in Washington, D.C., earlier this month. He noted it was a good opportunity to network with other state association presidents.

Upcoming: NACo Legislative Conference. President Palmer encouraged participation at the NACo Legislative Conference in March in Washington, D.C. CSA has coordinated a breakfast with Arizona's U.S. Representatives on Tuesday, March 4, and with Arizona's U.S. Senators on Wednesday, March 5, and all Arizona delegates attending the NACo conference are invited to attend.

Advisory: Nominations/election of NACo and WIR Board of Directors Representatives at April CSA Board of Directors Meeting. President Palmer provided a reminder that the elections for the CSA representatives to the NACo Board of Directors and the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors will be held at the April CSA board meeting.

COUNTY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Robert Pickels, Chairman of the County Managers Association (CMA), provided a report of last week's CMA meeting. He noted that discussion on a proposal to consider the transfer of federal lands had been held by counties at the CSA Summit last October. Yuma County had studied it and his chief deputy administrator, Paul Melcher, shared the preliminary findings with the CMA. He said there should be further information once the study is concluded and he encouraged other counties to do a similar analysis to bring forward for further discussion.

COUNTY CAUCUS REPORTS

The Small County Caucus did not meet in light of the CSA Legislative Reception held last night.

Supervisor Steve Moss reported on his first meeting as chairman of the Medium County Caucus. They discussed HURF, PILT, LTAF II, and RTC costs. Supervisor Hildy Angius had reported she is concerned with the closing of certain fisheries along the Colorado River by the federal government and she will be meeting with Senator McCain's office today.

Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox advised the Large County Caucus discussed the same issues as discussed at today's board meeting. She welcomed seeing Supervisor Ray Carroll at today's meeting to have all large counties represented.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Palmer welcomed Jim Keeler and Michelle Murphy, co-program directors from Nationwide. Mr. Keeler thanked the counties and CSA for their long-standing partnership with Nationwide and he said he was looking forward to seeing everyone in Washington, D.C., at the NACo Legislative Conference. He reported that Nationwide rolled out its Next Generation NACo 457 plan this past summer and encouraged plan participants to consider converting to the new plan. Michelle Murphy encouraged counties to reach out to them.

Supervisor Sylvia Allen congratulated Supervisor Jonathan Nez for completing the Rock 'n Roll marathon a few days ago; he finished 80 out of 279. Everyone congratulated Supervisor Nez.

President Palmer thanked everyone for attending the CSA Legislative Reception last evening. He said it was a great event with excellent attendance, including 50 legislators.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Jim Palmer adjourned the CSA board meeting at 12:13 a.m.