

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

February 28, 2014

Call to Order: James Palmer 9:01 a.m.

Present in Person:

James Palmer Graham County

Present Telephonically:

Barry Weller	Apache County
Ann English	Cochise County
Matt Ryan	Coconino County
Mike Pastor	Gila County
David Gomez	Greenlee County
Gary Watson	Mohave County
Pete Rios	Pinal County
Manny Ruiz	Santa Cruz County
Tom Thurman	Yavapai County
Lenore Stuart	Yuma County

Absent: D. L. Wilson (La Paz), Mary Rose Wilcox (Maricopa), David Tenney (Navajo), Sharon Bronson (Pima)

Others present telephonically: John Marcanti, Delwin Wengert, Matt Rudig, Jacque Griffin, Kay Gale, Robert Pickels

Others present in person: Terry Cooper, Rick Bohan, Michelle Hindman, Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Todd Madeksza, Kristin Cipolla, Dan Bogert, Yvonne Ortega

Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

Governor's Budget Recommendation Report / JLBC Baseline Budget and Transportation Update

Craig Sullivan reported CSA is continuing the effort of pressing the counties' budget priorities forward. He said the letter from the County Sheriffs Association to legislators regarding counties' priorities [sexually violent persons (SVP), lottery, and Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF)] was very well done and he thanked them and AACo for their help in facilitating that letter effort. Craig referred to an action alert sent by Dan Bogert to the counties earlier this week and urged counties to continue to communicate with lawmakers about our budget priorities. He said Dan had also contacted several counties to request they contact legislators in order to elevate the SVP issue on the priority list of legislators. Craig reported that House staff yesterday said the SVP issue was being discussed during the budget discussions.

Transportation Update

Craig Sullivan reported that the letter from the County Sheriffs Association had referenced the need for HURF resources. [House bill 2692 DPS; operating expenses; appropriation; intent](#) went through the House Transportation committee and then through the House Appropriations committee. The Maricopa Association of Governments also gave a presentation in the Senate Transportation committee this week. CSA will continue to educate legislators on the need for transportation resources.

CSA Legislative Agenda

1. [HB 2149 state parks; SLIF fund distribution](#) (*Borrelli*). Dan Bogert reported the bill passed the House Agriculture & Water committee two weeks ago and is awaiting a hearing in the House Appropriations committee.

Todd Madeksza mentioned that last week was the final week to hear bills in the house of origin so this week the legislature scheduled many Committee of the Whole (CoW) and Third Read calendars; next week should be more Third Read calendars and floor action.

2. [HB 2218 fire districts reorganization elections](#) (*Fann*). Todd noted that this technical correction bill was sent to a consent calendar.
3. [HB 2224 sale of fireworks; counties](#) (*Fann*). Todd reported this bill previously died in committee.
4. [HB 2240 developmental disabilities; client income; retention](#) (*Brophy-McGee*). Kristin Cipolla reported it passed out of its committee last week, went through Rules, and then to caucus. It is set for the CoW calendar for Monday.
5. [HB 2320 county seals; approval of use](#) (*J. Pierce*) / [SB 1116 county seal; board approval](#) (*McGuire*). Todd reported HB 2320 was transmitted to the Senate and is scheduled in committee on Monday. Senate bill 1116 is on the Senate CoW calendar.
6. [HB 2531 court-ordered evaluation services; payment](#) (*Brophy-McGee*). Kristin reported it passed out of committee last week and should be on a Rules calendar next.
7. [SB 1271 county liens; abatements](#) (*Ward*). Todd reported it was defeated and CSA is working with the bill sponsor to identify a viable vehicle.

Legislative Bills for Discussion

1. [HB 2418 S/E public bodies; websites; domain names](#). Todd reported the bill is on its way to the Senate.
2. [HB 2457 mental health; veterans courts; establishment](#). Kristin reported that this Arizona Office of the Courts bill has been transmitted to the Senate and has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary committee.
3. [SB 1001 S/E fuel taxes; exemption; Navajo reservation](#). Dan reported the bill was held in the Senate Transportation committee this week. CSA will continue to watch for the issue even though the bill is dead, because it impacts HURF and would affect counties.
4. [SB 1215 S/E unsubdivided land; definition](#). Todd stated he would like to hear from county planning and zoning personnel about this bill. Discussion was held. CSA will monitor the issue.
5. [SB 1248 jury service; lengthy trial fund](#). Kristin reported on the bill. It is an emergency measure.
6. [SB 1316 financial reporting; political subdivisions](#). Dan reported that this Arizona Tax Research Association bill was previously circulated to county managers and finance directors. A stakeholder meeting is set for next Tuesday and CSA will bring the issue back next week after the meeting.

Other Business

CSA reported on some bills not listed on the agenda. Kristin reported on [HB 2093 incapacitated persons; jurisdiction of court](#) and its companion bill, [SB 1176 change of venue; guardianship](#). The House bill passed the House and was assigned to Senate Judiciary. The Senate bill passed the Senate caucus and will probably be the version to move forward. CSA has participated in stakeholder meetings on this issue.

Todd reported on [HB 2530 county dog licensing; temporary license](#). He will speak with Senator Shooter about it. Todd reported that [HB 2436 food handler training; courses; certification](#) was amended on the House floor. A stakeholder meeting will be scheduled for next week and Todd will encourage participation from the county public health officers.

Todd reported that he and Craig met with the Prosecuting Attorneys Association on [SB 1249 dangerous and incompetent defendants; commitment](#), who indicated they did not want the counties to pay on this legislation. The bill has not yet gone to Senate Rules.

Todd reported that [HB 2013 counties; flood control districts; rules](#) was retained on the CoW calendar yesterday, because there didn't appear to be enough votes to get it passed. He thanked counties for their outreach on it. Todd noted that [HB 2069 ASRS; political subdivision entities](#) went through

CoW, but was not put on a Third Read calendar. President Jim Palmer noted that he had sent correspondence to several legislators explaining that this was bad policy.

Craig thanked CSA staff and counties for their help in supporting CSA's lobbying efforts. [SCM 1006 urging Congress; PILT program; funding](#) was passed by the legislature in an expedited basis, thanks to the efforts of Senate President Biggs, Senator Griffin and Speaker of the House Tobin, and also Secretary of State Bennett who made it a priority once it was transmitted to his office. The memorial will be provided to members of Congress this coming week while Arizona delegates are in Washington attending the NACo Legislative Conference. President Palmer wished safe travels to those going to D.C.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Palmer reported that the next meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee will be held on Friday, March 7, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Palmer adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.