

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

March 14, 2014

Call to Order: Mary Rose Wilcox 9:00 a.m.

Present in Person:

Mary Rose Wilcox	Maricopa County
David Tenney	Navajo County

Present Telephonically:

Barry Weller	Apache County
Ann English	Cochise County
Mandy Metzger	Coconino County
Tommie Martin	Gila County
David Gomez	Greenlee County
Gary Watson	Mohave County
Pete Rios	Pinal County
Manny Ruiz	Santa Cruz County
Tom Thurman	Yavapai County

Absent: James Palmer (Graham), D. L. Wilson (La Paz), Sharon Bronson (Pima), Lenore Stuart (Yuma)

Others present telephonically: Michael Pastor, John Marcanti, Delwin Wengert, Matt Rudig, Cheryl Sluyter, Kay Gale

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

President-elect Mary Rose Wilcox advised that President Jim Palmer could not attend today so she would be chairing the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present. Supervisor David Tenney moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2014, Legislative Policy Committee. Supervisor Mandy Metzger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget Update

Craig Sullivan reported there is a heightened focus on the budget process by the House and Senate. The House and Senate differ on their approaches to a draft budget. Senate President Biggs is crafting a budget as close to the current year baseline budget as possible. House Speaker Tobin is attempting to take requests from legislative members to include in his budget plan; however, many of the Governor's items are not being included in the House draft. It is expected for the Senate budget to move next week. In response to Supervisor Tenney, Craig informed the group that the temporary HURF restoration appears to be in both the Senate and House versions, although the dollar amount is unknown, but the Governor remains firm in her opposition to restoring HURF. At the request of President-elect Wilcox, CSA will address a letter to President Biggs reminding him of his assurance to CSA at a prior board meeting that HURF would be included in his budget.

CSA Legislative Agenda

Todd provided an update on CSA's legislative agenda. He noted that next week is the last week to hear bills so long committee agendas can be expected.

1. [HB 2149 state parks; SLIF fund distribution](#) (*Borrelli*). The bill has passed out of committee, but hasn't moved out of House Appropriations. The sponsor is working to include it in the budget.
2. [HB 2218 fire districts reorganization elections](#) (*Fann*). Set for a special committee meeting next Thursday.
3. [HB 2224 sale of fireworks; counties](#) (*Fann*). Previously defeated in committee.
4. [HB 2240 developmental disabilities; client income; retention](#) (*Brophy-McGee*). Scheduled for Senate Health and Human Services.
5. [HB 2320 county seals; approval of use](#) (*J. Pierce*) / [SB 1116 county seal; board approval](#) (*McGuire*). HB 2320 is awaiting Senate Final Read. SB 1116 has been transmitted to the House.
6. [HB 2531 court-ordered evaluation services; payment](#) (*Brophy-McGee*). Waiting to be put on a committee agenda.
7. [SB 1271 county liens; abatements](#) (*Ward*). The bill was previously defeated. The bill sponsor has reached out to Mohave County to address their concerns.
8. [SCM 1006 urging Congress; PILT program; funding](#) (*Griffin*). During a presentation in the Senate by the Sheriffs Association, Senator Griffin spoke about this memorial and credited counties for their use of the memorial in Washington as an effective lobbying tool.

Legislative Bills for Discussion

Updates

1. [SB 1316 financial reporting; political subdivisions](#). Dan Bogert explained the process that has been occurring with the Arizona Tax Research Association and others. The sponsor had moved the bill forward, but it failed in Third Read. However, a motion to reconsider had been approved. CSA will continue to work with counties about this legislation.
2. [SB 1413 taxes; manufacturers' electricity sales; exemption](#). Mark Barnes explained the bill. The Governor's Office and the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) will be meeting with the County Managers Association today to discuss this legislation. CSA met with the bill sponsor and several key legislators this week; next week CSA will continue discussions to communicate the need to limit the financial impact to counties. At the request of Supervisor Tom Thurman, an e-mail will be sent to counties reporting out on today's meeting with the Governor's Office and ADOR.

Other

3. [HB 2339 firearms; permit holders; public places](#). Kristin Cipolla stated the bill passed the House, was transmitted to the Senate and is scheduled for Senate Judiciary next Monday. Supervisor Mandy Metzger moved to oppose HB 2339. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The motion passed with one in opposition.
4. [HB 2381 assignment of tax liens](#). Dan Bogert reported it was retained on the Committee of the Whole calendar last week. CSA will continue to monitor it.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President-elect Mary Rose Wilcox advised the next meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, March 20, at 10:00 a.m.

Other Business

Todd Madeksza reported that [SB 1158 NOW: fireworks; permissible use](#) is on a committee agenda next week and CSA will express opposition to it targeting out some counties in its approach.

In response to Supervisor Pete Rios' request, Todd reported on a possible strike everything amendment to a dog bill. He will determine the status of the bill.

President-elect Mary Rose Wilcox requested CSA send thank you notes to the congressional delegation who voted for the Farm bill.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President-elect Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.