

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE***(Teleconference Made Available)*

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES**March 28, 2014****Call to Order:** James Palmer 9:01 a.m.**Present in Person:**

James Palmer	Graham County
D. L. Wilson	La Paz County
David Tenney	Navajo County

Present Telephonically:

Ann English	Cochise County
Matt Ryan	Coconino County
Michael Pastor	Gila County
Gary Watson	Mohave County
Manny Ruiz	Santa Cruz County
Tom Thurman	Yavapai County
Lenore Stuart	Yuma County

Absent: Barry Weller (Apache), David Gomez (Greenlee), Mary Rose Wilcox (Maricopa), Sharon Bronson (Pima), Pete Rios (Pinal)**Others present telephonically:** John Marcanti, Russ Clark, Delwin Wengert, Mike Ortega, Joanne Keene, Matt Rudig, Terry Cooper, Robert Pickels, Todd Madeksza**Others present in person:** Rick Bohan, Michelle Hindman, Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Kristin Cipolla, Dan Bogert, Yvonne Ortega

President James Palmer extended his condolences to Kay Gale whose mother-in-law passed away yesterday. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was available. President James Palmer thanked everyone for attending.

Budget Update

Craig Sullivan reported that at last month's CSA board meeting it was reported that the Senate had been working on passing a budget. The House then strived to move quickly on the Senate budget bills. Six House Republican Caucus members, concerned with some Senate budget line items, worked together to create a series of budget negotiations over this week. Some of the primary topics they were focused on were the charter school conversion issue and Child Protective Services. Leverage shifted to those six House members over the week. Last night, the House passed a budget that was a \$57 million difference from the Senate budget. The House budget bills are being transmitted to the Senate who will first read them today.

Craig reported that the House budget includes \$30 million HURF monies being restored to local governments which will bypass the state highway fund; an appropriation for 13 counties of \$550,000 each; and flexibility language for counties. What were not included in the House version are the Sexually Violent Persons elimination CSA sought, monies for developmentally disabled and the SLIF monies. Craig added that the House budget included an offset to impacts from [SB 1413 taxes; manufacturers' electricity sales; exemption](#), which exempts from a transaction privilege tax (TPT) electricity used in manufacturing. It is a \$1.3 million appropriation to offset the impact to counties on local excise taxes. Craig made note of several amendments that could affect counties. CSA is reviewing the House engrossed budget bills and will report out later.

CSA Legislative Agenda

President Palmer reported that Todd Madeksza is absent today due to the death of his father-in-law this week. Condolences were extended to him and his family. Kristin Cipolla provided an update on CSA's legislative agenda.

1. [HB 2149 state parks; SLIF fund distribution](#) (*Borrelli*). The bill was originally in the budget discussions, but didn't make it to the final version.
2. [HB 2218 fire districts reorganization elections](#) (*Fann*). Passed the Senate this week and awaits a Senate Rules hearing.
3. [HB 2224 sale of fireworks; counties](#) (*Fann*). Previously defeated in committee.
4. [HB 2240 developmental disabilities; client income; retention](#) (*Brophy-McGee*). Passed Senate Appropriations this week and awaits a Rules hearing. This issue was also part of the budget discussions, but did not make it to the final version, however, it is still moving in bill form.
5. [HB 2320 county seals; approval of use](#) (*J. Pierce*) / [SB 1116 county seal; board approval](#) (*McGuire*). HB 2320 passed Senate Rules and awaits floor action.
6. [HB 2531 court-ordered evaluation services; payment](#) (*Brophy-McGee*). Passed Senate Health & Human Services last week and awaits a Senate Rules hearing.
7. [SB 1271 county liens; abatements](#) (*Ward*). The bill was previously defeated.
8. [SCM 1006 urging Congress; PILT program; funding](#) (*Griffin*). This memorial was previously passed and sent to the congressional delegation.

President Palmer thanked CSA staff for working so diligently on the CSA legislative agenda.

Legislative Bills for Discussion

President Palmer reported that updates would be provided on the following bills, as CSA had previously taken a position of opposition on them.

Land Use and Public Safety

1. [HB 2339 firearms; permit holders; public places](#). Kristin reported the bill passed Senate Judiciary last week. CSA had reported the concern of costs to the counties to the Governor's office.
2. [HB 2483 firearms; private land; lawful discharge](#). Kristin reported CSA had previously opposed this bill and is working toward that end.
3. [HB 2688 fireworks; permissible uses; fines](#). Kristin reported it passed Senate Commerce, Energy & Military Affairs committee last week and awaits a Rules hearing.
4. [SB 1158 \(NOW: fireworks; permissible use\)](#). Kristin reported it is scheduled on Monday's House Caucus agenda.

Population Threshold & Three to Five Supervisors

5. [HB 2420 \(NOW: governmental websites; open meetings; materials\)](#). Kristin reported it passed the Senate committee last week. CSA had voted in opposition to it.
6. [SB 1483 county supervisors; population threshold; membership](#). Kristin reported this is a similar bill to HB 2420 and it passed the House committee last week. CSA had voted in opposition to it.

Other

7. [HB 2093 incapacitated persons; jurisdiction of court](#) (Ref: Strike Everything Amendment: public lobbyists; authorization). Kristin reported this striker bill passed Senate Judiciary last week and must now go to Rules. In response to President Palmer's concern, Craig reported that CSA is very concerned in how this would affect CSA because the language is unclear and continues to oppose it.
8. [SB 1415 municipal elections; majority vote calculation](#) (Ref: Strike Everything Amendment: special districts; elections; financing; limits). Dan Bogert reported the strike everything amendment was put on the bill in House Government. The language is from HB 2386 that was defeated.

Other Business

Supervisor Ann English thanked everyone for continuing to oppose the bills that would require Cochise County to go to an election at some point. Supervisor Lenore Stuart and President Palmer thanked CSA staff for their hard work and long hours. He thanked everyone for their attendance.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Palmer advised the next meeting will be on Friday, April 4, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Palmer adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.