



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

February 6, 2015

Call to Order:	Clint Hickman	9:00 a.m.
Present in Person:		
	Clint Hickman	Maricopa County
	David Tenney	Navajo County
Present Telephonically/Webinar:		
	Barry Weller	Apache County
	Ann English	Cochise County
	Mandy Metzger	Coconino County
	Tommie Martin	Gila County
	Jim Palmer	Graham County
	D. L. Wilson	La Paz County
	Jean Bishop	Mohave County
	Pete Rios	Pinal County
	Tom Thurman	Yavapai County
	Russell McCloud	Yuma County
Absent:		
	David Gomez	Greenlee County
	Ray Carroll	Pima County
	Manny Ruiz	Santa Cruz County
Proxy:	Gary Watson	Mohave County

Others present telephonically: Mike Pastor, John Marcanti, Buster Johnson, Jack Smith, Lenore Stuart, Russ Clark, Joanne Keene, Terry Cooper, Kay Gale, Marlyn Summers

Others present in person: Steve Gallardo, Jason Whiting, Scott Isham, Rick Bohan, Michelle Hindman, Mark Barnes, Penny Adams, Todd Madeksza, Kristin Cipolla, Dan Bogert, Yvonne Ortega

Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor David Tenney moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2015, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Jean Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Governor's Budget Recommendation Report / JLBC Baseline Budget

Dan Bogert stated the Governor continues to push his proposed budget as is, but there is a lot of pushback, particularly on the proposal to increase the motor vehicle registration fee. That proposal is listed at \$35 million in the Governor's budget, and if the legislature refuses it, it would cause a \$35 million problem in the Governor's budget for getting the budget balanced structurally by FY 2017.

Dan reported on the proposal to shift 25 percent of the funding for the Department of Juvenile Corrections to the counties. He encouraged counties to continue communication with their lawmakers and relay the concerns of the inappropriateness of the shift of state agency funding to local governments. CSA has been meeting with the Administrative Office of the Courts and other stakeholders and working with managers to develop a mitigation strategy on this.

Dan reported that the League of Arizona Cities and Towns has been working on a proposal regarding the Department of Revenue appropriation shift to do it through an intergovernmental agreement structure with certain performance requirements; CSA will review that proposal.

Dan reported that the Governor's proposal to cap the state's liability on the 1 percent constitutional limit on residential property tax is designed to cap the state's exposure, but it is unclear what that means for counties' exposure. CSA will continue to engage with managers to analyze the proposal. In response to Supervisor Pete Rios' question, Dan replied that CSA is still reviewing how the application of the \$1 million cap the state has placed on each county would apply. CSA will continue to analyze it. In response to Supervisor Russell McCloud's question, Dan replied that those legislators who have been communicated with by elected officials seem to be sympathetic to the counties' cause, other legislators are not.

Transportation Advocacy

Todd Madeksza reported that CSA continues to advocate for the transportation infrastructure and continues to work with various transportation stakeholder groups. CSA had previously presented before the House Transportation Committee and is waiting for confirmation to present before the Senate Transportation Committee on February 17. In response to Supervisor Tom Thurman's query on Senator Farley's bill for a county to raise the gas tax by 3 cents, Todd replied that CSA is watching it and if it moves, CSA will bring it before the LPC.

Legislative Bills for Discussion

1. [HB 2128 leased religious property; class nine](#). Dan provided an update and noted the bill is similar to last year's HB 2281. Supervisor Mandy Metzger indicated Coconino County had taken a position in opposition.
2. [HB 2253 property tax assessments; one-year cycle](#). Todd reported the county assessors association requested CSA endorse this bill. The bill originated from the county assessors and was endorsed by AACo. CSA has circulated the bill to the county managers. In response to Supervisor Tom Thurman's question on whether the accelerated time of one year would have the assessors requesting more staff, Supervisor Buster Johnson acknowledged that the assessors had advised it wouldn't require any more people. Supervisor Tom Thurman moved to approve HB 2253. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Thurman withdrew his motion and agreed with the group for CSA to monitor.
3. [HB 2315 financial information; comprehensive database; posting](#). Todd provided an update. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose HB 2315. Supervisor Jean Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
4. [HB 2538 special districts; truth in taxation](#). Dan reported that a similar bill died last year in the Rules Committee. HB 2538 is scheduled in House Ways and Means Committee next Monday. Todd requested counties discuss it among their colleagues and CSA would bring it back next LPC meeting.
5. [HB 2563 health facilities; substance abuse recovery](#). Todd reported CSA continues to watch this bill as some counties have concerns.
6. [HB 2590 TPT reform; contractors](#) and [SB 1446 TPT reform; contractors](#). Dan provided information on the bills.
7. [HCR 2032 county supervisors; two-term limit; referendum](#). Todd reported the bill only applies to supervisors, not other elected officials. Todd has an appointment with the bill sponsor, Representative Finchem, on Monday. He advised he would be meeting with the county civil deputies this afternoon and will discuss this bill with them..
8. [SB 1066 political subdivisions; financial audit reports](#). Dan reported that the CSA board voted unanimously to oppose SB 1066 at last month's board meeting. Afterwards, CSA met with the bill sponsor and stakeholders who then made some favorable changes to the bill. Supervisor McCloud moved to amend the previous adopted motion and moved for CSA to remain neutral on SB 1066. Supervisor Mandy Metzger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. [SB 1291 firearms; state preemption; penalties](#). Kristin reported this is the same bill as one from last year. It has been double assigned in the Senate and both committees will hear it next week.
10. [SB 1393 delayed birth certificates; Native Americans](#). Kristin reported CSA had taken a position to support a similar bill, [HB 2157](#), which will be heard in House Government and Higher Education Committee next Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

11. [SB 1407 lobbying; counties, cities, school districts](#). Todd explained the bill and advised CSA is watching this bill. In response to a question by Supervisor David Tenney, Todd noted the bill does not clearly define “lobbying.”
12. [SB 1423 incorporation; urbanized areas](#). Todd provided an update.
13. [SB 1433 utilities; facilities relocation; cost reimbursement](#). Supervisor Tom Thurman stated he had spoken with his public works department and they have concerns. He moved to oppose SB 1433. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
14. [SB 1435 public meetings; definition](#). Todd provided information on the bill. Supervisor Barry Weller stated he is in support of the bill and asked for consideration from members as CSA monitors it.

CSA Legislative Agenda

1. [HB 2349 flood control districts; administrative enforcement](#) (*Fann*). Todd reported the bill was unopposed in committee last week. He said the Arizona Rock Products Association requested an amendment; CSA circulated it to the counties and has since agreed to it.
2. [HB 2363 county contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal](#) (*Thorpe*). Todd stated the bill passed unopposed in House County and Municipal Affairs Committee and now will move to the House Appropriations Committee, its second assigned committee.
3. [HB 2490 sexually violent persons; reimbursement; repeal](#) (*Carter*). Todd reported it will be heard in House County and Municipal Affairs Committee next week; it has been dual assigned to House Appropriations.
4. [SB 1145 restoration to competency; state costs](#) (*Griffin*). Dan reported it passed Senate Government Committee unanimously, and will be heard next Tuesday in Senate Appropriations Committee.
5. [SCM 1010 PILT program; SRS; full funding](#) (*Griffin*). Dan reported it passed Senate Federalism, Mandates and Fiscal Responsibility Committee with a technical correction this week; it will next go to Committee of the Whole.

Other Business

Supervisor Jim Palmer asked for the status of [SB 1204](#) that CSA had previously opposed. Dan replied it passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee, but was dual assigned and has not yet been put on an agenda for the Senate Finance Committee. CSA has been communicating with the members of that committee in hopes of keeping it off an agenda.

In response to Supervisor Pete Rios’ question, Todd replied CSA is tracking [SB 1071](#) and it was previously on an LPC agenda. He then provided an update on it.

Supervisor Ann English commented that everyone should say aloha to Supervisor David Tenney.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Hickman provided a reminder that next week’s LPC meeting on Friday, February 13, will begin at 11:30 a.m. due to the meeting scheduled with the Governor’s policy advisors at 1:30 p.m. for the CSA Executive Committee and LPC members. He appreciated everyone’s consideration of the alternate start time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Clint Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.