

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

April 4, 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:		
	Ann English	Cochise County
	Tommie Martin	Gila County
	David Gomez	Greenlee County
	D. L. Wilson	La Paz County
	Gary Watson	Mohave County
	Pete Rios	Pinal County
	Manny Ruiz	Santa Cruz County
	Tom Thurman	Yavapai County
	Lenore Stuart	Yuma County

Absent: Barry Weller (Apache), Mandy Metzger (Coconino), James Palmer (Graham), Sharon Bronson (Pima)

Others present telephonically: Michael Pastor, John Marcanti, Russ Clark, Matt Rudig, Cheryl Sluyter, Jacque Griffin, Terry Cooper, Kay Gale, Hunter Moore, Robert Pickels

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

President-elect Mary Rose Wilcox acknowledged she would be chairing the meeting since President James Palmer was unable to attend.

Approval of the Minutes

Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present. Supervisor David Tenney made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2014, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget Update

President-elect Mary Rose Wilcox thanked everyone for staying involved every Friday. Craig Sullivan reported that last week the House sent to the Senate for consideration their budget plan. That plan contained nine bills (one is the general appropriations bill and the rest are budget reconciliation bills or BRBs). This week the Senate made some changes to the House package and sent it back to the House. The House refused to concur on the amendments on four of the nine bills (the general appropriation bill and three BRBs); which left five bills ready to transmit to the Governor. The four other bills will need to go through a conference committee. Craig noted that the Governor had given a veto threat stating that if bills are sent to her desk before the budget is final, she will veto those bills.

Craig reported that CSA's issues are still in the budget package as reported out last week. The major issues in dispute in the budget include the CPS funding and intent, funding for charter school conversions and funding for universities. The House has appointed members to a conference committee, but the Senate has yet to do so. He stated he next few weeks will be very busy.

At the request of President-elect Wilcox, Craig explained that in the budget HURF is listed for local governments at \$30 million for the first fiscal year, \$30 million for the second fiscal year, and \$60 million in the third fiscal year. He thanked Pima and Yuma counties for being interviewed for an article in the *Arizona Capitol Times* on HURF. CSA met with legislators yesterday to urge them to hold firm on the HURF issue.

In response to President-elect Wilcox, Craig reported that CSA was able to secure in the budget a \$1.3 million offset appropriation for local excise tax for three years to compensate counties for the lost revenue associated with the implementation of [SB 1413 taxes; manufacturers' electricity sales; exemption](#). CSA will be diligent to keep it in the budget. The offset appropriation has been allocated to the Department of Administration and CSA will work with them on the methodology for distribution. President-elect Wilcox thanked Gila County for all their hard work on the issue. Supervisor Mike Pastor thanked Craig, Dan and Mark Barnes for being so diligent on the issue. President-elect Wilcox requested CSA e-mail the *Arizona Capitol Times* news article.

CSA Legislative Agenda

1. [HB 2149 state parks; SLIF fund distribution](#) (*Borrelli*). Todd reported the bill was originally in the budget discussions, but didn't make it to the final version. CSA will revisit the issue in the off season.
2. [HB 2218 fire districts reorganization elections](#) (*Fann*). Dan Bogert reported the bill is stalled in the Senate, but CSA continues to educate Senate staff. When the Senate passes it, it would go straight to the Governor.
3. [HB 2224 sale of fireworks; counties](#) (*Fann*). Todd reported it was previously defeated in a House committee, but there are two other fireworks bills CSA is watching.
4. [HB 2240 developmental disabilities; client income; retention](#) (*Brophy-McGee*). Kristin Cipolla reported it is still awaiting a Rules hearing. She encouraged members to act on the action alert she sent out earlier this week.
5. [HB 2320 county seals; approval of use](#) (*J. Pierce*). Todd reported it is awaiting Senate Third Read. [SB 1116 county seal; board approval](#) (*McGuire*). Todd reported it never received a hearing in House Government.
6. [HB 2531 court-ordered evaluation services; payment](#) (*Brophy-McGee*). Kristin reported it awaits a Senate Rules hearing.
7. [SB 1271 county liens; abatements](#) (*Ward*). Todd reported the bill never received a hearing in Senate Government & Environment.
8. [SCM 1006 urging Congress; PILT program; funding](#) (*Griffin*). Todd reported this memorial was previously passed and sent to the congressional delegation.

Other Business

In response to Supervisor Tom Thurman, Todd reported that he had an e-mail ready to send out on [HB 2483 firearms; private land; lawful discharge](#) once the bill is put on a caucus or committee of the whole calendar. It was heard in Rules committee last week.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President-elect Wilcox advised the next meeting will be on Friday, April 11, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President-elect Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.