



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

May 3, 2019

Call to Order: Russell McCloud 9:01 a.m.

Present Telephonically:

Alton Joe Shepherd	Apache County
Ann English	Cochise County
Matt Ryan	Coconino County
Tommie Martin	Gila County
Jim Palmer	Graham County
Richard Lunt	Greenlee County
Duce Minor	La Paz County
Clint Hickman	Maricopa County
Jean Bishop	Mohave County
Jason Whiting	Navajo County
Pete Rios	Pinal County
Jack Smith	Yavapai County
Russell McCloud	Yuma County

Absent: Sharon Bronson Pima County
Rudy Molera Santa Cruz County

Proxy: D. L. Wilson La Paz County

Others present telephonically: Kay Gale, Dustin Welker, Cheryl Sluyter, Eric Petersen, Greg Nelson, Angélica Terrazas, Yvonne Ortega

Others present in person: Mark Barnes, Rebecca Beebe, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Robin Hillyard, Vanessa Fielder, Michael Madden

CSA President Russell McCloud welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Supervisor Ann English moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2019, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CSA Legislative Agenda

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities.
 - a) [SB 1140 county contributions; committed youth; repeal.](#)
 - b) [SB 1293 approp; EORP contributions; counties.](#)

Craig Sullivan reported that the counties' priorities have changed in the budget. He said that the counties' issues are listed in the budget as ongoing, but the DJC relief has been reduced to the 13 rural counties. He reiterated the importance of communicating to legislators that counties seek a 15-county solution. He commented that the budget could go either way, include all 15 counties in the relief or remove all the counties. He noted that although Senator Fann and Representative Cobb continue to be champions for the counties, CSA

continues to talk with other legislative members to get the message across. CSA will tap some supervisors to help push for a full mobilization for the 15-counties budget asks. He thanked President McCloud for his outreach efforts. Discussion followed.

- c) [Taxation of Online Remote Purchases/Digital Goods](#). Mark Barnes expressed concern on the difference between the state budgeting for revenue from online purchases versus actual collection and reporting of the sales tax. He also noted that CSA is educating legislators on how taxes benefit the general fund and that Maricopa and Pima counties do not have an excise tax. Discussion followed.
- 2) S/E [HB 2467 committee; west basin water users](#). Robin Hillyard reported the bill passed through Committee of the Whole (CoW) this week and is pending Third Read.
- 3) [SB 1084 funeral; last illness; expenses; lien](#). Robin reported the bill passed the House this week 36-22 and has been transmitted to the Governor's Office. CSA has reached out to the Governor's Office requesting the bill be signed. Discussion occurred.

Legislative Bills For Discussion

- 1) [SB 1147 municipal economic development; sale; lease](#). Robin Hillyard reported that on April 5 the LPC took a position of opposition on the strike everything amendment on SB 1147. She provided an update on the bill. She noted that the proponents offered a draft amendment this week, but it did not address county concerns. The bill is up for CoW on Monday. Discussion occurred.
- 2) S/E [SB 1424 2020 census; outreach; appropriation](#). Robin reported the LPC took a position of support last month on the bill. CSA met with the Governor's Office this week to get an understanding of their goals with the executive order establishing the Arizona Complete Count Committee (AZCCC). Robin noted that the County Government Liaison member to the AZCCC will be tasked with creating a subcommittee to work on developing a comprehensive plan. She suggested she be notified if there are recommendations for someone to serve on that subcommittee.

Other Legislative Issues

No other legislative issues.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Russell McCloud noted the next meeting will be held on Friday, May 10, at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business

Supervisor Jim Palmer expressed his appreciation to the CSA staff for their dedication and hard work. Supervisor Matt Ryan reiterated the need for a 15-county coalition on budget issues and expressed his appreciation for everyone's efforts. The LPC members expressed their agreement.

Adjournment

President Russell McCloud thanked everyone for their participation. There being no further business, President McCloud adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.