



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

January 24, 2020

Call to Order:	Rudy Molera	9:00 a.m.
Present In Person:	Matt Ryan Rudy Molera	Coconino County Santa Cruz County
Present Telephonically:	Alton Joe Shepherd Ann English Tommie Martin Paul David Richard Lunt Duce Minor Steve Gallardo Hildy Angius Jason Whiting Randy Garrison Russell McCloud	Apache County Cochise County Gila County Graham County Greenlee County La Paz County Maricopa County Mohave County Navajo County Yavapai County Yuma County
Absent:	Jim Palmer Sharon Bronson Todd House	Graham County Pima County Pinal County
Proxy:	Jim Palmer	Graham County

Others present telephonically: Jean Bishop, Ryan Patterson, Phil Bourdon, Paul Melcher, Barry Aarons, Angelica Terrazas

Others present in person: Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Robin Hillyard, Vanessa Fielder, Michael Madden, Brandon Nee, Jacob Emmett

President Rudy Molera welcomed everyone on the phone and former CSA president, Supervisor Matt Ryan, in person to the meeting. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

Overview of the Legislative Policy Committee

Overview of the LPC. Craig Sullivan provided an overview of the Legislative Policy Committee. He reported that each county has a designated LPC representative (who is the voting member), but participation by all county supervisors and professional staff is welcome. He explained the voting procedures, with one vote per county, and the frequency of the meetings. He noted that an LPC report will be sent after each LPC meeting to all county supervisors. A copy of the LPC overview was included in the agenda packet.

Roster of Committee Members. Included in the agenda packet.

Executive Budget/JLBC/Senate Majority Overview

Brandon Nee stated that last Friday the Governor released a FY 2021 \$12.3 billion spending plan. He provided a comparison of the Governor's executive budget, the JLBC baseline budget, and the House Majority and Senate Majority budgets. He noted that the Executive, Senate Majority, and House Majority budgets fall near JLBC's \$300 million estimated target for ongoing spending.

Brandon provided some touchpoints within the Executive budget that affect counties, including an increase in county ALTCS contributions by \$32.4 million, closing of the Florence Prison with the uncertainty of where the 4,200 inmates will be put, SMART highway corridors to provide over 500 miles of broadband fiber and conduit, and expansion of rural broadband grants. Discussion occurred.

CSA Legislative Agenda

President Rudy Molera noted that the CSA legislative agenda are items previously approved by the board.

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities. Craig Sullivan reported on CSA's budget priorities.
 - a) HB 2350 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal. Craig stated that the ADJC relief is listed as ongoing in the Executive and House Majority budgets, but as one-time relief in the Senate Majority budget. Maricopa County took the lead in getting Representative Toma to sponsor HB 2350, which has been assigned to the House Government committee.
 - b) \$3 million – Presidential Preference Election. Craig noted this issue is well-positioned in the budgets and thanked AACo for their collaboration.
 - c) Contain County ALTCS Contributions. Craig noted the Executive budget contains a higher increase in ALTCS contributions for counties than the House or Senate Majority budgets. He noted the providers have a lot of support to get a provider rate increase. CSA will work with the counties to gather local information to use in advocacy efforts.
 - d) Increase Transportation Investment. Michael Madden reported on the coalition effort for an increase in the gas tax by Representative Campbell between CSA, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, the House Transportation committee, and other stakeholders. He thanked the counties for their testimony in the House Transportation committee this week (Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Pinal, and Santa Cruz). For the remaining counties who are scheduled to testify next (Apache, Coconino, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, Yavapai, and Yuma), Michael noted that visual aids were highly effective in presenting to the committee. CSA requests counties provide information on priority projects to use in the advocacy efforts. Discussion occurred.
- 2) PSPRS Unfunded Liability Expenditure Limit Relief. Craig Sullivan reported Maricopa County was successful in getting Senator Mesnard to sponsor SB 1280 pensions; unfunded liability; expenditure limits, which is scheduled in Senate Finance next Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- 3) Short Term Vacation Rental Regulation. Robin reported a bill is expected to be dropped soon on this issue and CSA will continue to work with the League to support the legislation.
- 4) Short Term Vacation Rental Tax Parity. Robin reported that AACo is working toward a resolution with ATRA and Senator Mesnard. Discussion occurred.
- 5) Folder #1673 Annexation Modification. Robin reported the bill by Senator Pratt is expected to be dropped soon. She noted the League has approved language to resolve the loophole.
- 6) HB 2123 appropriation; heritage fund. / SB 1085 appropriation; heritage fund. Michael Madden reported this legislation was approved at the Summit for a one-time appropriation.
- 7) HB 2478 rural counties; transient lodging tax. Michael reported the bill has not yet been assigned to a committee. CSA is working with stakeholders.
- 8) HB 2479 juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation. Robin reported the bill contains a \$2 million appropriation for relief to counties.
- 9) HB 2581 dangerous; incompetent person; evaluation; commitment. Robin reported CSA and AACo support the legislation. She said Senator J. Allen is committed to having a hearing on it, but pushback can be expected from the Senate Judiciary chair.

Legislative Bills For Discussion

- 1) HB 2065 recorder; recording fees; lien fees. Robin Hillyard reported the bill refers to healthcare providers' request for a lien recording fee of \$9 rather than the current \$30. She stated AACo opposes the bill. After discussion, President Molera stated the bill will be brought back to a future LPC meeting.
- 2) HB 2099 property tax; mobile homes; delinquency. Robin reported on the bill for informational purposes. AACo is opposed to the bill and the county assessors are working with Representative Griffin for a solution. CSA will continue to work with AACo and Representative Griffin.

- 3) [HB 2352 centrally assessed property; valuation; pipelines.](#) / [SB 1204 centrally assessed property; valuation; pipelines.](#) Michael Madden reported on the bill for informational purposes. He reported this has been an ongoing issue for several years. It is expected for the Arizona Department of Revenue to share their analysis on their concerns soon. Discussion followed.
- 4) [HB 2468 law enforcement; prosecution; grants; acceptance.](#) Michael reported CSA opposed Representative Finchem's bill on this subject last year. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to oppose HB 2468. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 5) [HB 2482 elderly homeowners; class six property.](#) Michael reported this issue has been opposed by CSA in previous years. Supervisor Duce Minor moved to oppose HB 2482. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) [SB 1019 prohibition; regulation; industrial hemp sites.](#) Robin thanked the counties for providing feedback. She said the sponsor is willing to work with CSA on concerns. CSA sent a draft amendment to the League for review. Discussion occurred.
- 7) [SB 1116 TPT; exemption; public safety equipment.](#) Michael reported on the bill. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose SB 1116. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 8) [SB 1141 detention officers; arrest warrant; custody.](#) Robin reported this is an AACo bill and CSA supported it last year. The bill passed Senate Judiciary 7-0. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Russell McCloud moved to support SB 1141. Supervisor Paul David seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Legislative Issues

None.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Rudy Molera stated that the next meeting will be held on Friday, January 31, at 9:00 a.m. He thanked everyone for their participation.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rudy Molera adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.