

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION  
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

*(Teleconference Made Available)*

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES**

**January 31, 2020**

<b>Call to Order:</b>	Rudy Molera	9:00 a.m.
<b>Present In Person:</b>	Rudy Molera	Santa Cruz County
<b>Present Telephonically:</b>		
	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
	Steve Gallardo	Maricopa County
	Hildy Angius	Mohave County
	Jason Whiting	Navajo County
	Todd House	Pinal County
	Randy Garrison	Yavapai County
	Russell McCloud	Yuma County
<b>Absent:</b>	Sharon Bronson	Pima County

**Others present telephonically:** Paul David, Jean Bishop, James Menlove, Dustin Welker, Brandi Bateman, Bea Roslyn, Yvonne Ortega

**Others present in person:** Jesus Valdez, Rebecca Beebe, Mark Barnes, Penny Adams, Robin Hillyard, Vanessa Fielder, Michael Madden, Jacob Emmett

President Rudy Molera welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

**Approval of the Minutes of the January 24, 2020, Legislative Policy Committee meeting**

Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2020, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Budget/JLBC/Senate Majority Overview**

Vanessa Fielder reported budget negotiations continued this week in House and Senate Appropriations meetings, hearing from AHCCCS, DES, and DCS on their budget requests, and discussion continued on the differences between the Executive budget, the JLBC baseline budget, and the House and Senate Majority proposals.

**CSA Legislative Agenda**

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities.
  - a) HB 2350 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal. Vanessa Fielder reported HB 2350 passed House Government unanimously on Thursday.
  - b) \$3 million – Presidential Preference Election.
  - c) Contain County ALTCS Contributions. Vanessa reported confirmation was received from the Governor’s budget office there is a supplemental request in FY 2020 for county contributions

of approximately \$7 million. CSA is working with OSPB and JLBC to get the county by county breakdown of the county contributions.

- d) [Increase Transportation Investment](#). Vanessa thanked the county supervisors who testified in the House Transportation committee this week providing testimony on the ongoing need for additional investment in transportation infrastructure.
- 2) [SB 1280 pensions; unfunded liability; expenditure limits](#). Vanessa reported SB 1280 passed Senate Finance 5-3 on Wednesday. She thanked Supervisor Gates for testifying. She noted there was some opposition by ATRA. CSA will continue to work with the bill sponsor, Maricopa County, and the League of Arizona Cities and Towns to continue to educate legislative members. Discussion occurred.
- 3) [Short Term Vacation Rental Regulation](#). Robin Hillyard reported two bills, one by Senator Brophy McGee and one by Representative Kavanagh, are expected to be dropped soon on this issue.
- 4) [Short Term Vacation Rental Tax Parity](#). Robin reported [SB 1490](#) was dropped yesterday by Senator Mesnard and CSA has been meeting with committee members.
- 5) [SB 1303 annexation of territory; requirements](#). Robin reported CSA is working on getting it on a Government committee agenda. Discussion occurred. Robin reported the League is supportive.
- 6) [HB 2123 appropriation; heritage fund / SB 1085 appropriation; heritage fund](#).
- 7) [HB 2478 rural counties; transient lodging tax](#). Robin reported that the other tourism marketing authority bill approved at the Summit ([SB 1335](#)) was dropped.
- 8) [HB 2479 juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation](#). Robin reported a meeting is scheduled for next week with the bill sponsor to get the bill assigned to a committee. Discussion occurred.
- 9) [HB 2581 dangerous; incompetent person; evaluation; commitment](#).

### **Legislative Bills For Discussion**

- 1) [HB 2055 civil traffic violations; community restitution](#). Robin Hillyard reported the bill sponsor had agreed to hold the bill, but is now working on an amendment. She stated the courts and the League are opposed. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose HB 2055. Supervisor Jim Palmer seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Robin reported the bill was held in committee this week, but is scheduled for next week. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) [HB 2084: international boundary wall, building permits](#). Robin reported the bill passed House Federal Relations last week and was amended. It failed Third Read yesterday, but was reconsidered to be heard on another day. In a request for feedback, Robin noted the counties expressed concerns. CSA has drafted an amendment that was sent to the border counties for review. CSA's desire is to work with the bill sponsor to address county concerns. Discussion occurred.
- 3) [HB 2227 criminal justice commission; data collection](#). Robin reported the bill originated from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. Upon receipt, CSA will send out an amendment that is currently being worked on. The bill is scheduled in committee next week.
- 4) [HB 2231 Arizona criminal justice commission; members](#). Jacob Emmett reported the bill would put the commission membership expansion into statute.
- 5) [HB 2235 recording of proceedings; certified reporter](#). Robin reported the bill originated from the Supreme Court's Arizona Task Force on supplemental keeping of the record by electronic means. She noted that county feedback was positive toward this bill. Supervisor Ann English moved to support HB 2235. Supervisor Duce Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6) [HB 2352 centrally assessed property; valuation; pipelines](#). (Toma) / [SB 1204 centrally assessed property; valuation; pipelines](#). Robin reported CSA is waiting for an assessment from the Arizona Department of Revenue. HB 2352 was held in committee this week and SB 1204 passed Senate Finance amended with the addition of an emergency clause.
- 7) [HB 2404 TPT; prime contracting; exemptions; certificates](#). Michael reported on the bill. It is scheduled for next Wednesday in House Ways and Means. Discussion occurred.
- 8) [HB 2469: law enforcement officers; additional benefits](#). Robin reported it is scheduled in House Public Safety next week. CSA is seeking a meeting with the bill sponsor to discuss the impact of the bill. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Hildy Angius moved to oppose HB 2469. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9) [HB 2475 law enforcement officers; rights; privileges](#). Robin reported the bill would expand coverage of rights and privileges of law enforcement officers to 24/7, even when not on duty.

Robin reported the Arizona Counties Insurance Pool is very concerned and the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) received two concerns, but they were split 50/50. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to oppose HB 2475. Supervisor Russell McCloud seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 10) [HB 2493: community facilities districts](#). Robin reported on the bill and noted the feedback received from counties showed no concerns. CSA will continue to monitor for any amendments. Supervisor Russell McCloud moved for CSA to monitor HB 2493. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 11) [HB 2589: land division; county regulation; surveys](#). Robin reported CSA received feedback there could be potential harm from this legislation. She noted the county planning directors are strongly opposed. CSA plans to meet with the bill sponsor about county concerns before it is assigned to committee. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to oppose HB 2589 as is. Supervisor Steve Gallardo seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.
- 12) [HB 2631 PSPRS; local boards; duties; consolidation](#). Robin reported this bill stemmed from conversations between PSPRS, CSA, and the League. The unions and the League have signed in in support. CSA has distributed the bill for review.
- 13) [SB 1113 mortgaged property; tax statements; information](#). Robin reported the bill passed Senate Finance 7-1 this week. She noted the feedback from AACo was generally neutral. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Ann English moved for CSA to be neutral on SB 1113. Supervisor Russell McCloud seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 14) [SB 1133 public works; contracts; payment](#). Robin reported CSA was opposed to a similar bill last year that didn't pass (SB 1285). She said feedback received indicated this legislation would be inconsistent with current practices. She said CSA is working with the proponents of the bill and attended a stakeholder meeting yesterday. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to oppose SB 1133. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Other Legislative Issues**

Supervisor Ann English stated the Cochise County Attorney was asking about HB 2445. Robin Hillyard reported CSA was involved in a stakeholder meeting on the bill and plans to bring it to the LPC next week. Michael Madden added that he would be sending it out to the counties today for feedback.

Mark Barnes reported on a recently dropped tax omnibus bill by the Senate Finance committee chairman, Senator Mesnard, that relates to both property and income tax systems. He reviewed some of the components. Discussion occurred.

### **Next Meeting Date and Time**

President Rudy Molera stated that the next meeting will be held on Friday, February 7, 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 10:15 a.m.