



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION  
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

*(Teleconference Made Available)*

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES**

**January 15, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Steve Gallardo 9:02 a.m.

**Present Telephonically:**

Alton Joe Shepherd	Apache County
Ann English	Cochise County
Matt Ryan	Coconino County
Danny Smith	Graham County
Richard Lunt	Greenlee County
Duce Minor	La Paz County
Steve Gallardo	Maricopa County
Hildy Angius	Mohave County
Jason Whiting	Navajo County
Rex Scott	Pima County
Stephen Miller	Pinal County
Rudy Molera	Santa Cruz County
Mary Mallory	Yavapai County
Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County

**Absent:** *Vacant Position* Gila County

**Others present telephonically:** Paul David, Susan Thorpe, Robin Hillyard

**Others present in person:** Glenn Kephart, James Menlove, Jennifer St. John, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Vanessa Fielder, Michael Madden, Brandon Nee, Yvonne Ortega

President Steve Gallardo welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present. President Gallardo welcomed the new county supervisors.

**Overview of the Legislative Policy Committee**

Roster of Committee Members. Included in the agenda packet.

Overview of the LPC. Craig Sullivan provided an overview of the Legislative Policy Committee and welcomed the new county supervisors. He explained that the LPC is focused on implementing the program adopted by the CSA Board of Directors at the CSA Legislative Summit and any issues that emerge during the legislative session. 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.

Legislative Request to Speak System. Craig explained the Request to Speak System is how a member can register their position on legislation or request to speak on an issue at the legislature. He noted that CSA will setup the registration for new members, and the login for current members will remain the same. President Steve Gallardo and Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi, both former legislators, stated the importance of signing in and registering a comment on legislation is critical in providing perspective to legislators on how the legislation would impact counties and constituents.

## **Legislative Report – Opening Session**

Craig Sullivan stated this week began the opening week of the 55<sup>th</sup> legislature, first regular session. He noted restrictions are in place at the legislature and the usual attendance by the LPC for the State of the State could not occur. He stated the Governor spoke on some issues affecting counties, e.g., broadband investment, criminal justice reform, transportation infrastructure, and wildfire protection efforts. The Governor's executive budget recommendation will be released later today. Craig reported that due to the restricted environment at the legislature, most legislators and committees require remote contact, some will allow in person meetings, some will do a hybrid, but all entry will require wearing of a mask. He noted there is now a requirement to provide 24-hour notice to get your name in for comment or to be able to testify in committee.

## **CSA Legislative Agenda**

- 1) [CSA Legislative Budget Priorities](#). Craig Sullivan reported on CSA's budget priorities.
  - a) [HB 2048 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal](#). Elimination of ACJC fee.
  - b) [Transportation Infrastructure Funding](#). The Governor signaled some level of investment plan in transportation. In addition, Senator Mesnard put in his tax omnibus a parity fee for electric vehicles.
  - c) [Broadband Investment](#). It is anticipated the Governor will include some policy on broadband in his budget recommendations.
  - d) [ALTCS](#)
  - e) [Flexibility Language](#)

Robin Hillyard reported on the legislative policy proposals adopted at the CSA Legislative Summit. Some bills have bill folders open or are awaiting the bill to drop, and one bill is awaiting confirmation for the bill sponsor.

- 2) [HB 2181 write-ins; residency; filing deadline](#)
- 3) [HB 2297 military leaves of absence; duration](#)
- 4) [Irrigation non-expansion \(Cobb\) – Awaiting bill drop](#)
- 5) [Juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation \(Biasiucci\) – Bill folder open](#)
- 6) [County recreation district boards \(Blackman\) – Bill folder open](#)
- 7) [Dangerous incompetent & non restorable \(Pratt\) – Awaiting bill drop](#)
- 8) [Rural counties; transient lodging tax \(Barton\) – Bill folder open](#)
- 9) [Short term vacation property tax parity \(Sponsor pending\)](#)
- 10) [Short term vacation rental regulation](#)

## **Legislative Bills For Discussion**

- 1) [HB 2025 delinquent property tax; interest; waiver](#). Michael Madden reported this bill is a repeat of a bill from last year and CSA had concerns on last year's bill. CSA will be meeting with the bill sponsor to propose some changes. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose HB 2025 in its current form. Supervisor Duce Minor seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) [HB 2053 superior court clerk; salary](#). Robin Hillyard reported concerns were shared with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), which resulted in learning the clerks plan to propose an amendment. Discussion followed. Robin noted the bill is scheduled for House Judiciary next Wednesday. President Steve Gallardo stated that CSA has enough information from today's discussion to continue to monitor this legislation. Robin added CSA will provide the LPC's feedback to AOC so the clerks are aware.
- 3) [HB 2057 land divisions; county regulation; surveys](#). Robin reported the bill is scheduled for House Natural Resources, Energy and Water next week. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to oppose HB 2057. Supervisor Mary Mallory seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4) [SB 1043 public safety; cancer insurance; eligibility](#). Vanessa Fielder reported CSA expressed concerns on this bill in the Finance committee this week, but the bill passed 7-2. Supervisor Hildy Angius moved to oppose SB 1043. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5) [SB 1045 defined contribution; health subsidy; disability](#). Vanessa reported the bill passed 6-2 in Senate Finance this past Wednesday. Supervisor Duce Minor moved to oppose SB 1045. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6) [SB 1057 public works; contracts; payments](#). Robin reported CSA had weighed in in opposition to this legislation in the past, but proponents have made concessions to this year's legislation. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to remain neutral on SB 1057. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 7) [SB 1111 centrally assessed property; valuation; pipelines](#). Michael reported on this bill. Discussion occurred. President Steve Gallardo stated CSA will follow-up with more information.

### **Other Legislative Issues**

Election Bill Review. Robin Hillyard reported there are 30 election bills to review and CSA will report out at a later date. President Gallardo stated CSA will also discuss these bills with AACo.

Discussion occurred about the 24-hour requirement for committees and meeting with legislators. President Steve Gallardo reiterated the importance of weighing in on what is important. Supervisor Rex Scott commented that the chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors wrote a letter to Governor Ducey asking to be informed on the disbursement of funding to the counties for COVID testing and vaccinations. Discussion followed. President Gallardo suggested asking the Arizona Department of Health Services to return to a CSA board meeting to provide information and address counties' concerns. Supervisor Matt Ryan commented about also asking Ben Blink of the Governor's Office to attend a meeting. Susan Thorpe noted that the Arizona Border Counties Coalition had sent a letter to the Governor about distribution based on population and would like to send one to the federal delegation with CSA's codification of the letter.

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

President Steve Gallardo stated that the next meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting next Thursday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m., and then on Friday, January 29, at 9:00 a.m. He thanked everyone for their participation of a great discussion on legislation and COVID matters.

### **Other Business and Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Steve Gallardo adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.