



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

February 12, 2021

Call to Order:	Steve Gallardo	9:02 a.m.
Present In Person:	Alton Joe Shepherd Steve Gallardo	Apache County Maricopa County
Present Telephonically:		
	Ann English	Cochise County
	Woody Cline	Gila County
	Danny Smith	Graham County
	Richard Lunt	Greenlee County
	Duce Minor	La Paz 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:	Matt Ryan	Coconino County
Proxy:	Matt Ryan	Coconino County

Others present telephonically: Jean Bishop, Jennifer St. John, Chuck Huckelberry, Phil Bourdon, Sam Elters, Glenn Kephart, Chris Keller, Ian McGaughey, Trey Williams, Tami Ryall, Claire Harper, Sherry Grice, Sarah Hall, Todd Madeksza, Beatrice Rocklin, The Aarons Company, Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Robin Hillyard

Others present in person: James Menlove, Penny Adams, Vanessa Fielder, Michael Madden, Cooper Payne

President Steve Gallardo welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2021, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Report

Michael Madden provided an updated legislative report. He noted next week is the last week to hear bills in the house of origin. He noted that Representative Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren has been newly appointed to legislative district 7. Michael remarked that at 25 years old she is at the youngest permissible age to serve in the legislature.

CSA Legislative Agenda

Michael Madden presented on CSA's legislative budget priorities and legislative agenda.

- 1) [CSA Legislative Budget Priorities](#)
 - a) [HB 2048 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal](#). Passed out of the House this week 58-1-1 and will be sent to the Senate.
 - b) Transportation Infrastructure Funding
 - c) Broadband Investment
 - d) ALTCS
 - e) Flexibility Language
- 2) [HB 2181 Write-ins; residency; filing deadline](#).
- 3) [HB 2297 Military leaves of absence; duration](#). Passed House Caucus this week. CSA held a meeting with DEMA to work on a potential amendment.
- 4) [HB 2595 Irrigation non-expansion](#).
- 5) [HB 2401 Juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation](#). Passed unanimously out of House Judiciary on Wednesday.
- 6) [HB 2607 County recreation district boards](#). Assigned to Ways and Means; working to get it on a committee agenda.
- 7) [HB 2334 Dangerous incompetent & non restorable](#).
- 8) [HB 2801 rural counties; transient lodging tax](#). Assigned to Ways and Means; working to get it on a committee agenda.
- 9) Short term vacation property tax parity (*Sponsor pending*)

Supervisor Jason Whiting mentioned that he and James Candland have repeatedly reached out to Representative Blackman (the bill sponsor) on HB 2607 and should CSA procure a meeting with the committee chair, he would appreciate participating in that meeting. Supervisor Rudy Molera commented he too would like to be in the meeting with the committee chair.

Legislative Bills For Discussion

Michael Madden explained that two consent agendas were created for this week's LPC meeting.

- 1) Consent Agenda Broadband "Support." Michael Madden stated these bills align with the broadband resolution adopted by the CSA board of directors at the Legislative Summit. Supervisor Ann English moved to support HB 2596 and HB 2808. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
 - a) [HB 2596 ADOT; telecommunication facilities installation](#)
 - b) [HB 2808 appropriation; rural broadband grants](#)
- 2) Consent Agenda Elections "Oppose." Robin Hillyard reported the county recorders and election directors of AACo have opposed these bills except for HB 2881 because it dropped after their meeting. Robin noted AACo has indicated they will be opposing HB 2881. She added that some of the bills have not yet been assigned to committee and some have been assigned but not yet heard. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Mary Mallory moved to oppose the bills on the consent agenda for opposition: HB 2701, HB 2720, HB 2722, HB 2881, SB 1241, SB 1485, SB 1593, SB 1595, and SB 1615. Supervisor Duce Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
 - a) [HB 2701 polling places; identification; early voting](#)
 - b) [HB 2720 ballots; election contests; certificates](#)
 - c) [HB 2722 emergency voting; manual; photographs; electioneering](#)
 - d) [HB 2881 election hand counts; verification committee](#)
 - e) [SB 1241 voting equipment; ballots; receipt](#)
 - f) [SB 1485 elections; voting center tabulation](#)
 - g) [SB 1593 early voting; time limits; envelope](#)
 - h) [SB 1595 elections; ballot adjudication; observers](#)
 - i) [SB 1615 elections; hand count; legislative auditor](#)
- 3) Bills with Pending Amendments
 - a) [SB 1010 recount requests; amount bond; procedure](#). Robin noted an amendment is pending and reported on a meeting with the bill sponsor yesterday, and indicated a meeting is scheduled with AACo's election directors later today.
 - b) [SB 1059 mental disorders; considerations; involuntary treatment](#). Robin reported CSA worked with the bill sponsor and proponents to eliminate the vague language from the original bill. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi moved to change CSA's

position from opposed to neutral. Supervisor Hildy Angius seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- c) [SB 1074 local governments; audits; public meeting](#). Michael reported this was an ATRA bill and they agreed to remove some language from the bill counties did not like.
- 4) General Bills for Discussion
- a) [HB 2437 fuel; electronic cars; hybrids; taxes](#). Michael reported this bill aligns with the transportation resolution adopted at the Legislative Summit. Supervisor Rudy Molera moved to support HB 2437. Supervisor Mary Mallory seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b) [HB 2844 wineries; microbreweries; distilled spirits](#). Robin reported this bill is similar to a bill from last year. Discussion occurred.
 - c) [SB 1467 elected officials' retirement plan; appropriations](#). Vanessa Fielder reported on the bill. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi moved to support SB 1467. Supervisor Duce Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
 - d) [SB 1498 board of supervisors; membership](#). Robin reported CSA is trying to work with the bill sponsor, but recommends opposing the bill as drafted. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to support staff's recommendation and oppose SB 1498. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
 - e) [SB 1721 TPT; prime contracting classification](#). Michael reported President Fann (the bill sponsor) has been working on this with the support from the League of Cities and Towns as an alternative to Representative Cobb's bill. Michael had sent the bill to counties for feedback on county revenue impacts. Discussion occurred.

Other Legislative Issues

Supervisor Ann English reminded everyone that February 14 is Statehood Day for Arizona.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Steve Gallardo noted the next LPC meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 18, at 10:00 a.m., and then on Friday, February 26, at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, President Steve Gallardo adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.