



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

March 12, 2021

Call to Order:	Steve Gallardo	9:01 a.m.
Present In Person:	Alton Joe Shepherd Steve Gallardo	Apache County Maricopa County
Present Telephonically/Webinar:	Ann English Matt Ryan Woody Cline Danny Smith Richard Lunt Duce Minor Hildy Angius Jason Whiting Rex Scott Stephen Miller Rudy Molera Mary Mallory Jonathan Lines	Cochise County Coconino County Gila County Graham County Greenlee County La Paz County Mohave County Navajo County Pima County Pinal County Santa Cruz County Yavapai County Yuma County

Others present telephonically: Jean Bishop, Paul David, Jack Sellers, John Howard, Phil Bourdon, Susan Thorpe, Jack Fields, Dustin Welker, Sam Elters, Austin Adams, Michael Racy, Chris Keller, Ian McGaughey, Cristina Arzaga-Williams, Richard Bohan, Danny De Hoog, Eric Peterson, Tami Ryall, Trey Williams, Claire Harper, Gregory Nelson, Sarah Hall, Jayson Vowell, Todd Madeksza, Jen Marson, The Aarons Company, Cole Libera, Beatrice Rocklin, Robin Hillyard

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Mary Mallory moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2021, CSA Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

CSA Legislative Agenda

Craig Sullivan reported on CSA's legislative agenda. He noted there are two weeks remaining to hear bills in policy committees.

- 1) [CSA Legislative Budget Priorities](#)
 - a) [HB 2048 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal](#). In Senate Appropriations; not yet scheduled for a hearing.
 - b) Transportation Infrastructure Funding
 - c) Broadband Investment.
 - d) ALTCS
 - e) Flexibility Language

- 2) [HB 2181 Write-ins; residency; filing deadline](#). Bill sponsor assisted in getting it assigned to Senate Government.
- 3) [HB 2297 Military leaves of absence; duration](#).
- 4) [HB 2595 Irrigation non-expansion](#).
- 5) [HB 2401 Juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation](#). In Senate Appropriations next week.
- 6) [HB 2607 County recreation district boards](#). Representative Cobb offered a vehicle bill (HB 2455), and CSA is working with Senate Finance to position the bill.
- 7) [HB 2334 Dangerous incompetent & non restorable](#).
- 8) [HB 2801 rural counties; transient lodging tax](#).

Legislative Bills For Discussion

- 1) [HB 2057 land divisions; county regulation; surveys](#). Robin Hillyard reported there was strong support on this bill from the Democratic caucus. She thanked Pinal County for reaching out to legislators. She noted CSA will keep watch for any strikers as the bill has not yet been assigned to committee. Discussion followed.
- 2) [HB 2706 appropriation; veterans' services; benefits counselors](#). Robin reported this is listed in the Governor's budget at a lower amount. Supervisor Mary Mallory moved to support HB 2706. Supervisor Woody Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) [HB 2707 probation failure reduction incentive payments](#). Robin reported on the bill. Discussion occurred.
- 4) [SB 1107 redistricting; petition signatures; 2022 candidates](#). Robin reported CSA met with stakeholders and some county managers last week. An amendment was added in committee on Wednesday and the bill passed out of committee. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to support SB 1107. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) [SB 1431 flood control districts; advisory board](#). Michael Madden reported CSA is opposed to SB 1431, but the bill hasn't moved in a few weeks. He thanked Graham County for reaching out to legislators. Discussion occurred.

Federal COVID Relief Package Overview

Vanessa Fielder reported President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 yesterday. The package contains \$1.86 trillion for local communities with \$410 billion for individual stimulus payments, \$362 billion for state and local government aid, \$205 billion for unemployment support, \$169 billion for education support, and \$109 billion for child tax credits. It also includes some support for businesses, public health, and transportation, *etc.* Vanessa stated the Joint Legislative Budget Committee published that Arizona would receive over \$16 billion in federal aid, with most of it to go towards state and local government aid. Vanessa reported Arizona counties will receive \$1.4 billion directly from the U.S. Treasury in two separate tranches. Fifty percent of the total amount will be distributed in the first tranche within 60 days of enactment of the Act. The second tranche will contain the remaining amount to be distributed no earlier than one year after the first tranche. She confirmed that both tranches need to be expended by the end of 2024 and there are four categories for allowable use of funds: 1. Respond to public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; 2. Provide premium pay to eligible workers in the county or provide grants to employers with eligible workers; 3. Provide government services to the extent that revenue reduction is a result of the pandemic; and 4. Make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. Vanessa clarified the funds cannot be deposited into any pension fund, and that the funds could be distributed to certain other agencies. Discussion followed.

Other Legislative Issues

None.

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 next Thursday, March 18, at 10:00 a.m., and then on Friday, March 26, at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business

Supervisor Steve Miller announced Leo Lew was selected to be Pinal County's manager. He had been serving as interim.

Adjournment

President Steve Gallardo thanked everyone for their participation. There being no further business, President Gallardo adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.