



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**
(Teleconference/Web Conference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES
January 14, 2022

Call to Order:	Jason Whiting	9:00 a.m.
Present In Person:	Alton Joe Shepherd	Apache County
Present Telephonically/Webinar:		
	Ann English	Cochise County
	Matt Ryan	Coconino County
	Steve Christensen	Gila 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
	Jonathan Lines	Yuma County

Others present telephonically: Fern Benally, Paul David, Harry Oberg, John Howard, Phil Bourdon, Jennifer St. John, Glenn Kephart, Dustin Welker, Richard Karwazcka, Sam Elters, Jack Fields, Chris Keller, Trey Williams, Todd Madeksza, Rochelle Lacapa, Gregory Nelson, Sarah Hall, Danny De Hoog, Michael Racy, Joshua Franklin, Catherine Boland, Andy Jacobs, Beatrice Rocklin, Dorn Policy Group

Others present in person: Penny Adams, Vanessa Fielder, Jacob Emmett, Yvonne Ortega, Lubka Jacobs

President-elect Jason Whiting welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present with all 15 counties represented. President-elect Whiting welcomed the new Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) members: Supervisor Steve Christensen in Gila County and Supervisor Harry Oberg, the alternate representative in Yavapai County.

Overview of the Legislative Policy Committee

Robin Hillyard presented on the Legislative Policy Committee membership, provided an overview of the LPC, including voting procedures and requirements, and provided information on the request to speak system at the legislature. Robin indicated the LPC will help implement the program adopted by the CSA Board of Directors at the last Legislative Summit and to assist in responding to issues that emerge during the legislative session. She advised that an LPC report would be provided after each LPC meeting that would be sent to all county supervisors.

CSA Legislative Agenda

- 1) [CSA Legislative Budget Priorities](#)
 - a) [HB 2201 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal](#) (Weninger)
- 2) [HB 2012 county improvement districts; formation](#) (Kavanagh)
- 3) [HB 2044 juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation](#) (Biasiucci)

- 4) [HB 2067 county improvement districts; recreation; governance](#) (Blackman)
- 5) [HB 2197 medical examiner; pathologist assistant; autopsies](#) (Osborne)
- 6) [SB 1188 unincorporated areas; transient lodging assessment](#) (Gabaldon)
- 7) Procurement Contract Modifications

Robin Hillyard provided information on the number of bills dropped to date at the legislature, some key dates in the legislative timeline, and a review on some major items from the Governor's State of the State address. She advised that both the Governor's budget and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee baseline budget will be released today and CSA will be providing a synopsis on how the counties would be impacted.

Vanessa Fielder presented on the CSA county budget priorities, including that Representative Weninger will be sponsoring HB 2201 to remove the statutory fee Maricopa and Pima counties are required to pay to the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC). She also noted that CSA has been addressing concerns the Arizona Tax Research Association (ATRA) has about flexibility language and its desire to not reauthorize the language moving forward. She provided a reminder that the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) will be presenting an overview on broadband and to discuss next steps at 1:00 p.m. at CSA after next Thursday's CSA board meeting.

Jacob Emmett presented on the status of CSA's legislative proposals adopted at the recent CSA Legislative Summit. He noted that HB 2012 had been scheduled for a hearing in the House Government committee this week, but the hearing was cancelled. He indicated CSA is working with the bill sponsor on a potential amendment to HB 2012. Discussion occurred on HB 2012 and HB 2067.

Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

- 1) [HB 2023](#) / [SB 1119](#) electronic ballot images; public record. Robin Hillyard presented concerns by CSA on these bills, particularly the lack of specificity on posting requirements and the financial concerns therewith, and potential concerns of liability to the counties. She advised CSA would work with the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) and the bill sponsors in order to work toward a solution. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose HB 2023 and SB 1119. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. A request was asked by Supervisor Rex Scott for CSA to check with the other states on their laws on having ballots available online. The motion passed, with Supervisor Hildy Angius in opposition to the motion. Further discussion occurred.
- 2) [HB 2038 state lake improvement fund](#). Jacob Emmett reported on HB 2038 and indicated CSA had supported similar legislation last year. Supervisor Duce Minor moved to support HB 2038. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) [HB 2041](#) / [SB 1120](#) ballot fraud counter measures; paper; ink. Robin expressed concerns CSA has with this legislation, particularly the current county tabulation machines' ability to detect all of the elements on the special paper required in this legislation, and indicated CSA would work with AACo, the county recorders, the county election directors, and the legislators for a resolution, and then bring the issue back for future consideration. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose HB 2041 and SB 1120 as drafted as recommended by staff. Supervisor Rudy Molera seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed, with Supervisor Hildy Angius and Supervisor Steve Christensen in opposition to the motion.
- 4) [SB 1008 elections; recount margin](#). Robin presented concerns CSA has with the bill, particularly the voting differential threshold necessary to trigger an automatic recount and the ballots losing structural integrity after going through the tabulators multiple times. She indicated CSA opposed similar legislation last year. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to oppose SB 1008 as presented. Supervisor Rex Scott seconded the motion. A request was asked by Supervisor Steve Gallardo for CSA to continue to work with AACo, and the county recorders, and the bill sponsor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) [SB 1035 political subdivision lobbying prohibition](#). Robin presented CSA's concerns with SB 1035, indicating this would impact organizations like CSA. Supervisor Duce Minor moved to oppose SB 1035. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) [SB 1048 emergency powers; business closure; repeal](#). Robin presented concerns with SB 1048 and indicated CSA would try to work with the bill sponsor. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Ann

English moved to oppose SB 1048 as written. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 7) [SB 1063 legislative vacancies; precinct committeemen](#). Jacob presented concerns on SB 1063, particularly concerning the removal of the board of supervisors from the legislative vacancy appointment process. He indicated CSA had opposed similar legislation in 2011. Discussion occurred. Jacob commented that since CSA had been seeking comments and direction from the membership on this issue, no motion was necessary at this time; and, that CSA would conduct further research and bring the issue back at a later date.
- 8) [SB 1085 PSPRS; funded ratio; asset transfers](#). Vanessa Fielder noted SB 1085 is on the Senate Finance committee agenda for next week. She stated the PSPRS board of trustees and their advisory committee, which CSA does have a seat on, had held about a year of deliberation and analysis to adopt the advisory committee's recommendation to modify its actuarial funding policy, which guides PSPRS decisions on how contribution rates are calculated. Supervisor Ann English moved to support SB 1085 as presented. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 9) [SB 1089 liens; fees; exemption](#). Robin presented SB 1089 as an AACo clean-up bill from the county recorders, including to remove contradictory language that governs the recording of documents, among other items. Supervisor Steve Miller moved to support SB 1089. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Bills for Informational Purposes

President-elect Jason Whiting indicated these bills, which were for informational purposes only, would be tabled for today due to time constraints, and would be brought before the CSA board next week during the CSA Board of Directors meeting.

Other Legislative Issues

None.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President-elect Jason Whiting advised that the LPC will next be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting next Thursday, January 20, at 10:00 a.m.

Other Business and Adjournment

President-elect Jason Whiting thanked everyone for their participation. There being no further business, President-elect Whiting adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.