



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**
(Teleconference/Web Conference Made Available)
County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona
MINUTES
January 28, 2022

Call to Order:	Jean Bishop	9:00 a.m.
Present In Person:	Alton Joe Shepherd Jean Bishop	Apache County Mohave County
Present Telephonically/Webinar:	Ann English Matt Ryan Steve Christensen Danny Smith Richard Lunt Duce Minor Steve Gallardo Hildy Angius Jason Whiting Rex Scott Stephen Miller Rudy Molera Mary Mallory Lynne Pancrazi	Cochise County Coconino County Gila County Graham County Greenlee County La Paz County Maricopa County Mohave County Navajo County Pima County Pinal County Santa Cruz County Yavapai County Yuma County

Others present telephonically: Paul David, Harry Oberg, John Howard, Phil Bourdon, James Menlove, Glenn Kephart, Dustin Welker, Derek Rapier, Richard Karwazcka, Sam Elters, Jack Fields, Alejandro Figueroa, Trey Williams, Todd Madeksza, Michelle Hindman, Danny De Hoog, Michael Racy, Joshua Franklin, Coral Loyd, Cynthia Gentle, Christine Newell, Sarah Hall, Hayley Howard, David G., Catherine Boland, Jen Marson, Mark Barnes, Robin Hillyard, Lubka Jacobs

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

President Jean Bishop welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present with all 15 counties represented.

CSA Legislative Agenda

- 1) [CSA Legislative Budget Priorities](#)
 - a) [HB 2201 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal](#) (Weninger). Passed House Appropriations 11-1 this week.
- 2) [HB 2012 county improvement districts; formation](#) (Kavanagh). Passed House Government unanimously this week.
- 3) [HB 2044 juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation](#) (Biasiucci). Passed House Appropriations last week.
- 4) [HB 2067 county improvement districts; recreation; governance](#) (Blackman). Working with Representative Kavanagh for placement on a committee agenda.
- 5) [HB 2197 medical examiner; pathologist assistant; autopsies](#) (Osborne). Scheduled for the Health committee next Monday.
- 6) [SB 1188 unincorporated areas; transient lodging assessment](#) (Gabaldon)
- 7) Procurement Contract Modifications. Working on a bill sponsor; have reached out to the Arizona Department of Administration to build a potential coalition on this issue.

Robin Hillyard provided information on the number of bills dropped and the status in the legislative timeline. She provided an update on CSA's legislative budget priorities and legislative agenda bills.

Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

- 1) [HB 2070 open meetings; capacity; posting; violation](#). Robin Hillyard advised the bill passed its assigned committee this week 7-6. She noted CSA will be meeting with the bill sponsor next Monday to address concerns and discuss a possible amendment. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose H.B. 2070. Supervisor Duce Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2) [HB 2145 governmental entities; ransomware payment; prohibition](#). Robin advised that the county chief information officers have expressed a number of concerns. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to oppose H.B. 2145. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) [HB 2162 open meeting law; violations; penalty](#). Robin presented concerns CSA has with the legislation. Discussion occurred. In response to Supervisor Steve Miller's request, Robin advised CSA would reach out to the Attorney General's Office for information, including on how many convictions have occurred in the state. Supervisor Duce Minor moved to oppose H.B. 2162. Supervisor Steve Christensen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4) [HB 2316 misconduct involving weapons; public places](#). Robin presented concerns with the legislation, including potential costs. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to oppose H.B. 2316. Supervisor Hildy Angius seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion to oppose H.B. 2316 passed unanimously.
- 5) [HB 2412 open meetings; digital recordings](#). Jacob Emnett presented concerns by CSA, including the need for a definition of "digital recordings." Supervisor Steve Christensen moved to oppose H.B. 2412. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6) [HB 2587 public records; point of contact](#). Robin advised CSA has reached out to the bill sponsor to clarify the bill language and to address concerns. She noted the bill has not yet been heard in committee. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to oppose H.B. 2587. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion to oppose H.B. 2587 passed unanimously.
- 7) [SB 1093 property tax; class one; equalization assistance](#). Mark Barnes presented information on S.B. 1093, including a phase down of property taxes. Supervisor Danny Smith moved to oppose S.B. 1093. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion. Discussion occurred, particularly on the negative impact this legislation could have on smaller counties. Mark noted the bill passed Senate Finance with no opposition. He commented that in 2020 when similar legislation was introduced, CSA was the only entity that opposed the legislation in the Finance committee; he remarked that could be the case this time. Supervisor Smith withdrew his motion and Supervisor English withdrew her second, with the request that CSA get further information on the legislation, specifically how each county would be affected financially, and revisit it at next week's LPC meeting.
- 8) [SB 1125 firearms and equipment; regulation](#). Jacob presented the bill, including that the bill language is broad and unclear, and stated it passed Senate Judiciary yesterday 5-3. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Steve Christensen moved to support S.B. 1125. Supervisor Hildy Angius seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Penny Adams conducted a roll call vote after the initial voice vote was unclear. The motion to approve S.B. 1125 failed, with five members for (Supervisors Christensen, Minor, Angius, Miller, and Mallory), nine opposed (Supervisors Shepherd, English, Ryan, Smith, Lunt, Gallardo, Whiting, Scott, and Pancrazi), and one nonvoting (Supervisor Molera), as per CSA bylaws two-thirds of the LPC is required to adopt legislation. Further discussion occurred. Discussion occurred on the political make-up of the LPC committee, and Supervisor Hildy Angius requested CSA revisit this topic at a future meeting. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose S.B. 1125. Supervisor Steve Gallardo seconded the motion. Penny conducted a roll call vote after the initial voice vote was unclear. The motion to oppose S.B. 1125 passed, with ten members for (Supervisors Shepherd, English, Ryan, Smith, Lunt, Gallardo, Whiting, Scott, Molera, and Pancrazi) and five opposed (Supervisors Christensen, Minor, Angius, Miller, and Mallory).

- 9) [SB 1158 attorney fees; costs; recovery](#). Robin noted that the county attorneys and the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) oppose this legislation. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose S.B. 1158 as written. Supervisor Rex Scott seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 10) [SB 1173/HB 2558 community colleges; out-of-county reimbursement](#). Jacob presented on this legislation and commented that if this legislation had been previously established, it would have brought approximately \$400,000 in state aid to Greenlee and Apache counties. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to support S.B. 1173 and H.B. 2558. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 11) [SB 1258 government membership organizations; transparency](#). Robin presented concerns by CSA. She noted that CSA and AACo will be meeting with the bill sponsor next week to get clarity and address county concerns, including capacity to handle large public records requests. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Steve Miller indicated that his county's attorney's office is looking into this legislation and will be providing a white paper together with costs/logistics of the legislation. Further discussion occurred. Robin reiterated that CSA is not recommending a position at this time and will bring the issue back after conversing with the bill sponsor.
- 12) [SB 1268 PSPRS; deferred retirement option plan](#). Vanessa Fielder presented CSA's concerns on this legislation, including the use of an assumed rate of return versus the actual rate of return to mitigate employer risk. Supervisor Hildy Angius moved to oppose S.B. 1268. Supervisor Jason Whiting seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 13) [SB 1274 property tax levy; calculation; federal monies](#). Vanessa presented on this legislation. She noted that the National Association of Counties had indicated other states are having similar discussions. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose S.B. 1274. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 14) [SB 1275/HB 2226 fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition](#). Jacob presented on this legislation, including that it would expand on preempted authorities, and it would be permissive. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to support S.B. 1275 and H.B. 2226 as recommended by staff. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 15) [SB 1277 board of supervisors; membership](#). Jacob presented CSA's concerns on this legislation and advised that in 2021 CSA had opposed similar legislation. Supervisor Duce Minor moved to oppose S.B. 1277. Supervisor Rex Scott seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 16) [SB 1299 study committee; county boundaries](#). Jacob presented on this legislation and stated there is no appropriation attached to this legislation. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Alton Shepherd moved to oppose S.B. 1299. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 17) [SB 1348/HB 2080 elections; hand count; tabulators prohibited](#). Robin presented on this legislation and commented that Senator Boyer had indicated he would not support this legislation because it would not enhance election security. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose S.B. 1348 and H.B. 2080 as recommended by staff. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 18) [SB 1349 budget reduction; law enforcement; hearing](#). Vanessa noted that CSA had opposed similar bills last year. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to oppose S.B. 1349. Supervisor Mary Mallory seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 19) [SB 1354 law enforcement budget; reduction; prohibition](#). Vanessa presented CSA's concerns on the legislation. Supervisor Mary Mallory moved to oppose S.B. 1354. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 20) [SB 1371 county salaries; precinct officers](#). Vanessa presented on this legislation and indicated AACo has taken a position of support on this legislation, largely based on the concept of increasing constable salaries. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Mary Mallory moved to oppose S.B. 1371. Supervisor Hildy Angius seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Legislative Issues

Vanessa Fielder indicated CSA would research the query by Supervisor Rex Scott on whether Arizona's congressional delegation had called for an audit in how the state was making use of

pandemic relief funds and whether the counties have been appropriately reimbursed, particularly whether counties will be fully reimbursed for the costs related to COVID vaccinations and testing.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Jean Bishop advised the LPC will next meet on February 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business and Adjournment

Supervisor Mary Mallory thanked President Bishop and the members for their leadership. There being no further business, President Jean Bishop adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.