



# County Supervisors ASSOCIATION of arizona

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

County Supervisors Association  
1905 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona

### MINUTES February 25, 2022

<b>Call to Order:</b>	Jean Bishop	9:00 a.m.
<b>Present In Person:</b>	Alton Joe Shepherd Jean Bishop	Apache County Mohave County
<b>Present Telephonically/Webinar:</b>	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:** Harry Oberg, Paul David, John Howard, Phil Bourdon, James Menlove, Dustin Welker, Derek Rapier, Trey Williams, Danny De Hoog, Michael Racy, Chris Keller, Rochelle Lacapa, Barbara Fox-Thomas, Cynthia Gentle, Cristina Arzaga-Williams, Joshua Franklin, Marianne Salem, Sarah Hall, Barbara Spoonhour, Jen Marson, Mark Barnes, Robin Hillyard

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

President Jean Bishop welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

### CSA Legislative Agenda

Craig Sullivan reported there was floor action in both chambers this week with only the Appropriations committees meeting. He noted that next week bills will be transmitted to the opposite house and the deadline to hear bills in committees of the opposite chamber is March 25. He added that CSA will monitor any budget discussions. He provided the status of CSA's legislative agenda.

- 1) [CSA Legislative Budget Priorities](#)
  - a) [HB 2201 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal](#) (Weninger).
- 2) [HB 2012 county improvement districts; formation](#) (Kavanagh). Referred to Senate Government.
- 3) [HB 2044 juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation](#) (Biasiucci). Passed out of the House this week.
- 4) [HB 2067 county improvement districts; recreation; governance](#) (Blackman). Assigned to Senate Government.
- 5) [HB 2197 medical examiner; pathologist assistant; autopsies](#) (Osborne). Scheduled in Senate committee next Monday.
- 6) [SB 1188 unincorporated areas; transient lodging assessment](#) (Gabaldon).
- 7) Procurement Contract Modifications.

## **Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action**

- 1) [HB 2729 regional councils; expenses; reimbursement](#). Jacob Emmett reported out on H.B. 2729 for information only.
- 2) [HB 2748 distribution; safe and smart fund](#). Robin Hillyard expressed concerns with the bill as written. She noted it failed on the floor on Wednesday, but CSA will continue to watch it in case it returns for reconsideration. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi moved to oppose H.B. 2748. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) [HB 2822 personal property; additional depreciation](#). Vanessa Fielder stated the bill passed the House 35-24 this week and is ready for the Senate. She reviewed the total NAV impact on personal property classifications for each county, along with referring to a Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) fiscal note showing the state impact of approximately \$23.4 million in FY 2023 in additional aid for education. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose H.B. 2822. Supervisor Rex Scott seconded the motion and the motion passed with Supervisor Hildy Angius in opposition.
- 4) [HCM 2006 FEMA; wildfires; flooding; cost threshold](#). Jacob explained the bill and noted it was a memorial to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi moved to support HCM 2006. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) [S/E: SB 1002 EORP; appropriation; retirement](#). Vanessa explained the bill and indicated that counties are the largest contributor to this pooled fund. She noted the bill included an appropriation of \$60 million one-time from the general fund to pay the unfunded liability and that that amount was determined by PSPRS under the assumption all 240 members eligible to retire would do so under the time limits within the proposed legislation. Discussion occurred.
- 6) [SB 1148 vehicle sale price; VLT](#). Vanessa reported the amended bill passed the Appropriations committee this week 6-4. She noted that during the committee the bill sponsor referred to a fiscal note from JLBC to her showing a \$70 million impact. Vanessa also reported on the difficulties the Arizona Department of Transportation had indicated would result from this bill. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose S.B. 1148. Supervisor Jason Whiting seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Legislative Bill Updates**

- 1) [HB 2412 open meetings; digital recordings](#). Robin Hillyard stated the LPC's current position is opposition. She reported on amendments to the bill by the sponsor based on county concerns. She noted that feedback from the counties indicated the amendments have addressed county concerns. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi moved to adopt a neutral position on H.B. 2412. Supervisor Steve Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2) [HB 2554 S/E lot splits](#). Jacob Emmett reported CSA opposed this bill in committee, but it passed on a party line vote. He said CSA sent a letter to the legislature, but the bill also passed on the floor on a party line vote. He stated CSA will continue to monitor and will provide more information next week. Discussion followed.
- 3) [HB 2587 public records; point of contact](#). Robin stated the LPC's current position is opposed based on a number of concerns with the bill language. She reported the amendments to the bill have addressed the county concerns. Supervisor Steve Miller moved to adopt a neutral position on H.B. 2587. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4) [HB 2541/SB 1381 deputy sheriff; detention officer; salary](#). Craig Sullivan reported the Senate bill was retained on the Committee of the Whole (COW) calendar and the House bill went through COW, but was not voted on in Third Read yesterday. He noted CSA had sent a letter to the Arizona Sheriffs Association addressing county concerns. Craig stated CSA will continue to monitor and report out on any developments. He thanked everyone for their input and activity, but commented everyone should still remain vigilant as either bill could move and suggested reaching out to county sheriffs and other constitutional officers. Discussion occurred. Two suggestions included providing a list of Arizona Association of Counties' county representatives and an analysis from counties of the impact from this proposed legislation.

- 5) [HB 2624 S/E: law enforcement expenditure; minimum amount/HCR 2028 minimum law enforcement expenditure amount](#). Vanessa reported CSA's current position on H.B. 2624 is opposed. She noted the HCR was retained on the COW calendar.
- 6) [SB 1198 local governments; lobbying; prohibition](#). Craig Sullivan reported the current position is opposed. He said the bill was amended in committee, but has not yet moved through the Senate. Discussion occurred.
- 7) [SB 1371 county salaries; precinct officers](#). Craig reported the bill was amended in committee removing flexibility from the board of supervisors over the salary range, and CSA maintains its current position of opposed. He noted the bill is awaiting COW and CSA has a meeting with the bill sponsor next week. Discussion occurred.

### **Other Legislative Issues**

Vanessa Fielder provided information as a follow-up to Supervisor Rex Scott's previous query on the challenges of counties not receiving public assistance funds from the FEMA grant program. Vanessa reported a poll of the counties resulted in nine responding, with all indicating struggles with drawing down the money and most citing changes in reporting requirements as an ongoing frustration. She added that of the nine responses, three counties indicated a project was obligated, and one county had received reimbursement for project expenses. Vanessa reported on conversations with DEMA who indicated that DEMA was not structured to deal with concurrent emergencies across every state and territory at the same time, and that the DEMA program is set up to reimburse costs once the entity has demonstrated all resources have been depleted. She noted that Arizona appears to be on par with other FEMA Region 9 states/territories for the percentage of projects obligated. Supervisor Scott thanked Vanessa for her outreach and reporting and commented he would like to take her up on her suggestion to connect the people she spoke with to the Pima County acting county administrator and grants personnel.

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

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

### **Other Business and Adjournment**

There being no further business, Supervisor Rex Scott moved to adjourn the meeting and Supervisor Mary Mallory seconded the motion. President Jean Bishop adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.