



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

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
May 6, 2022**

Call to Order:	Jean Bishop	9:00 a.m.
Present In Person:	Alton Joe Shepherd	Apache County
Present Telephonically/Webinar:		
	Ann English	Cochise County
	Matt Ryan	Coconino 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
	Mary Mallory	Yavapai County
	Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County
Absent:	Steve Christensen	Gila County
	Rudy Molera	Santa Cruz County

Others present telephonically: Jean Bishop, Harry Oberg, John Howard, Phil Bourdon, Glenn Kephart, Dustin Welker, Rich Karwaczka, Michael Racy, Danny De Hoog, Rochelle Lacapa, Joshua Franklin, Cristina Arzaga-Williams, Barbara Fox-Thomas, Sarah Hall, Cynthia Gentle, Barbara Spoonhour, Hayley Howard, Todd Madeksza, Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Robin Hillyard

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

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

CSA Legislative Agenda

- 1) [CSA Legislative Budget Priorities](#)
- 2) [HB 2012 county improvement districts; formation](#) (Kavanagh) – Ch. 92
- 3) [HB 2044 juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation](#) (Biasiucci)
- 4) [HB 2067 county improvement districts; recreation; governance](#) (Blackman) – Ch. 93
- 5) [HB 2197 medical examiner; pathologist assistant; autopsies](#) (Osborne) – Ch. 82
- 6) [SB 1188 unincorporated areas; transient lodging assessment](#) (Gabaldon)
- 7) Procurement Contract Modifications

Craig Sullivan provided an update on legislative activity. He noted today was the 117th day of the session and bill movement is slowing down. He said there are about 173 bills in the House and 122 in the Senate that are in a position to move to the floor if they secure the votes needed. He commented that some members are pushing to adjourn before Memorial Day.

Craig reported the baseline budget bills failed in House Appropriations on April 20, which indicates a problem of getting to 31 votes within the majority caucus. He said House and Senate leadership have been in discussions, but rank and file members know very little details about the budget. Craig then referred to county-related asks, such as elimination of the ADJC cost shift, juvenile dependency representation, restore to 60/40 the justice of the peace salaries, elimination of the mandated

payment to BNCF, phasing down acute care payments, probation officer salary increase, sheriff deputies and detention officers one-time retention pay, and the county attorney diversion funding.

Craig thanked everyone for their involvement. He said CSA has been meeting with House and Senate legislators to educate them on county issues and to pursue getting the county asks in the budget. CSA will continue meeting with legislators.

Legislative Bills Updates, Discussion & Possible Action

- 1) [HB 2255 fireworks; permissible use; Diwali.](#) Robin Hillyard reported on HB 2255 allowing for permissible use of fireworks to those who celebrate Diwali. She noted an amendment in Senate Appropriations would overrule current firework permissions by counties and cities. She mentioned a concern for the inability to regulate the use of fireworks by someone who claims a religious right even if it would pose a fire danger. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose H.B. 2255. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Bills of Interest Update

Robin Hillyard reported on bills of interest, including bills of concern (H.B. 2316, H.B. 2554, H.B. 2453, and S.B. 1324), bills with pending amendments (HCR 2031 and S.B. 1168), and bills that were amended favorably (H.B. 2070 and H.B. 2412). She referred to some recently signed bills with a county nexus (H.B. 2037, H.B. 2579, H.B. 2674, S.B. 1239, and S.B. 1179). Discussion occurred.

Other Issues

In response to Supervisor Harry Oberg's query on the status of election bills, Robin Hillyard replied that some election bills are not moving forward for floor action until legislators feel there are enough votes for passage. Supervisor Oberg requested available information be sent to him.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Jean Bishop noted the next meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Other Business

Well wishes for a Happy Mother's Day were extended. President Jean Bishop commented she looks forward to seeing those who will be attending the Western Interstate Region annual conference in a few weeks.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Jean Bishop adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.