



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

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
March 10, 2023**

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
	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
	Rudy Molera	Santa Cruz County
	Harry Oberg	Yavapai County
	Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County
Absent:	Steve Christensen	Gila County
	Stephen Miller	Pinal County

Others present telephonically: Patrice Horstman, Paul David, Mary Mallory, John Howard, Glenn Kephart, Dustin Welker, Jesus Valdez, Chris Keller, Michael Racy, Tami Ryall, Alejandro Figueroa, Michelle Hindman, Danny De Hoog, Cristina Arzaga-Williams, David Galaviz, Maria Klucarova, Kim Challenger, Gregory Nelson, Juan Frisby, Jackson Jenkins, Sarah Hall, Cynthia Gentle, Marlyn Van Keuren, Catherine Boland, Corey Ringenberg, Luke Mournian, Todd Madeksza, Jen Marson, AACo Intern Christina

Others present in person: Israel Kiyogera, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Vanessa Fielder, Robin Hillyard, Jacob Emmett, Yvonne Ortega

CSA President Jason Whiting welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Supervisor Ann English moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2023, CSA Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CSA Legislative Agenda

Jacob Emmett reported on the status of the legislative session. He noted March 24 will be the last day to hear bills in committee in the opposite chamber, and then floor, conference committees, and budget activity will occur. He commented on a dust-up that occurred last week on the House floor over the rule of a majority of the majority and on the attempted censorship of Representative Harris by the House Minority.

CSA Legislative Budget Priorities. Jacob reported on CSA's budget priorities. He stated HB 2018 was heard in House Rules last Monday. He noted there was an informational hearing on HB 2430 in Senate Appropriations this week and thanked President Whiting for testifying. Jacob added he has spoken with Senator Mesnard to get the bill heard in his Finance committee.

CSA Policy Priorities. Jacob reported HB 2669 passed out of the House unanimously last week; Senator Hoffman will be listing HB 2052 on Senate Government; SB 1211 passed House Government; and SB 1077 is in line for House Military Affairs, Public Safety, and Border Security next week.

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities
 - a) [HB 2018 counties; committee youth contributions; repeal](#) (Livingston)
 - b) Transportation Infrastructure
 - c) Broadband Infrastructure
 - d) Public Safety Pensions
 - [HB 2430 EORP; appropriations; repayment](#) (Livingston) ([CSA Support Document](#))
 - e) Court Probation Officers Funding
- 2) CSA Policy Priorities
 - a) [SB 1077 jails; mental health; evaluations; treatment](#) (Shope)
 - b) [SB 1211 county attorney; representation; duties](#) (Bennett)
 - c) [HB 2052 counties; advertising contracts; term; notice](#) (Dunn)
 - d) [HB 2669 S/E Biosolids](#) (Dunn)

Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

- 1) [HB 2078 counties; elections; state audits](#). Robin Hillyard reported most of the feedback received to date has been negative, largely due to already having a mechanism in place for public records requests. She further added the bill language is unclear. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose HB 2078. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) [SB 1110 recorded documents; property; notification](#). Robin reported the bill passed the Senate recently. She said she is working on a meeting with the bill sponsor to work on an amendment. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi moved to oppose SB 1110 as currently written until it can be satisfactorily amended. Supervisor Harry Oberg seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) [SB 1117 S/E housing; infrastructure](#). Robin reported on the strike-everything amendment to SB 1117. She noted it would not be adding new money, but instead would come from the Housing Trust Fund. She stated the proponents of the bill did not intend to include counties in the bill language and have agreed to remove the counties through a planned floor amendment. Discussion occurred.
- 4) [SB 1140 elections; voting centers; polling places](#). Jacob Emmett reported the bill was amended on the Senate floor and recently passed out of the Senate. He stated the feedback received from counties was mostly negative and the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) is currently opposed. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose SB 1140 as recommended by staff. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) [SB 1596 NOW: polling places; office spaces; appropriation](#). Jacob reported the bill sponsor is determined to get to a workable position in order to get the bill passed. The bill is scheduled in committee next week. He commented on county feedback received and noted AACo is opposed to the bill. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose SB 1596 and provided comments on his reasoning. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Updates

CSA staff provided updates on a few bills. With permission from President Whiting, SB 1307 was added to the bill updates.

Craig Sullivan provided an update on SB 1307. He noted that Senator Gowan is attempting to give constables a raise and CSA has drafted several drafts for consideration. He thanked the counties for the feedback on last week's draft proposal and presented a new draft based on comments

received. Vanessa Fielder presented the outline of the new draft and noted the general premise of it was to keep the existing structure, but to modify the salary structure to be based on the county where the justice precinct is located, the experience of the constable, compliance with statute, and the number of documents served. Vanessa explained the three classes of urban counties, larger rural counties, and smaller rural counties and the ranges within each class. Discussion followed.

Robin Hillyard noted an amendment was added to HB 2808, but it did not contain everything CSA desired. She stated the bill passed the House yesterday. She noted the feedback received from counties indicated five days was too short. She stated CSA will continue to work with the bill sponsor to make changes. Discussion occurred.

Jacob Emnett noted an amendment was added to HB 1105, but since it did not affect all counties, CSA has kept its position of opposition.

Other Legislative Issues

None.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Jason Whiting reported the next meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting next Thursday, March 16, at 10:00 a.m., and then on Friday, March 24.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, President Jason Whiting adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.