



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

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
March 31 , 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
	Duce Minor	La Paz County
	Hildy Angius	Mohave County
	Jason Whiting	Navajo County
	Rex Scott	Pima County
	Stephen Miller	Pinal County
	Rudy Molera	Santa Cruz County
	Harry Oberg	Yavapai County
Absent:	Steve Christensen	Gila County
	Richard Lunt	Greenlee County
	Steve Gallardo	Maricopa County
	Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County
Proxy:	Richard Lunt	Greenlee County

Others present telephonically: Jean Bishop, Patrice Horstman, Paul David, Rich Karwaczka, Glenn Kephart, Sam Elters, Jennifer St. John, Jesus Valdez, Chris Keller, Michael Racy, Danny De Hoog, Israel Kiyogera, Alejandro Figueroa, Tami Ryall, Rochelle Lacapa, Gregory Nelson, Maria Klucarova, Cynthia Gentle, Barbara Fox-Thomas, Marlyn Van Keuren, Barbara Spoonhour, Luke Mournian, Cindy Soqui, Sofia Stokes, Audrey Serrano, Juan Frisby, G. Crews, Mark Barnes, Todd Madeksza, AACo Intern Christina, Robin Hillyard

Others present in person: James Menlove, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Vanessa Fielder, 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 24, 2023, CSA Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Rex Scott seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CSA Legislative Agenda

CSA Legislative Budget Priorities. Jacob Emmett stated this was the last week to hear bills in the opposite chamber after the extension set by the legislature, except for Appropriations. He noted next week will be the last week to hear bills in Appropriations. Jacob said the House has adjourned on the floor until next Tuesday except for some special committees on Monday. He noted the Finance Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on April 13. As for CSA's legislative budget priorities, he stated the ADJC and EORP issues are within the budget conversations.

CSA Policy Priorities. Jacob reported SB 1211 had been signed by the Governor. He noted all CSA policy bills have passed their second chamber committees. He said HB 2669 passed Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water unanimously.

- 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

President Jason Whiting stated CSA would like to address item two first as Jacob Emmett needed to leave for another meeting.

- 2) [SB 1278 S/E state preemption; appliances; restrictions; prohibitions.](#) Jacob Emmett reported a strike-everything was put on SB 1278 in House Health & Human Services. He noted some concern had been received from a few counties and CSA is seeking an amendment with Representative Montenegro. He recommended a position of opposition with the ability to move to neutral if CSA's proposed amendment is added. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to oppose SB 1278. Supervisor Duce Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 1) [HB 2144 / SB 1045 S/E: broadband.](#) Robin Hillyard reported on a strike-everything amendment. She said although feedback had been received on the original bill, not enough has been received on the amendment to recommend moving to a neutral position versus an opposing position. She stated the League of Arizona Cities and Towns moved to neutral after the amendment was adopted. Discussion followed. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose HB 2144 and direct staff to continue working with the bill sponsor on county concerns. Supervisor Harry Oberg seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) [SB 1307 constables; salaries.](#) Vanessa Fielder reported CSA was involved in a stakeholder meeting with the bill sponsor, constables, and others, wherein CSA had indicated the proposed maximum salary of the largest tier was too high. Vanessa stated the amendment was adopted and the bill passed unanimously in a special House Military Affairs & Public Safety committee yesterday. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose SB 1307 as written. Supervisor Steve Miller seconded the motion. Further discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) [SB 1335 S/E: TPT; prime contracting; senior housing.](#) Vanessa reported CSA is analyzing the strike-everything to identify the fiscal impact on county revenues and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) is processing the fiscal note on the potential impacts of the expanded exemptions. Discussion occurred.

Other Legislative Issues

Robin Hillyard reported on a striker posted last night on SB 1457 and indicated this was for information only as the bill had not been listed on the LPC agenda since it was only dropped last evening. She pointed out the opportunity for counties to sign in to register their position as it was scheduled to be heard in House Appropriations on Monday. She noted she sent it to counties this morning for feedback. Discussion occurred.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Jason Whiting reported the next meeting will be held on Friday, April 14, at 9:00 a.m., as next week is Good Friday and a meeting will not be held. He added that CSA will provide any necessary action alerts.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, President Jason Whiting adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.