



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

County Supervisors Association  
1905 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES  
March 14, 2025**

<b>Call to Order:</b>	Lynne Pancrazi	8:30 a.m.
<b>Present In Person:</b>	Alton Joe Shepherd Lynne Pancrazi	Apache County Yuma County
<b>Present Telephonically/Webinar:</b>	Patrice Horstman Paul David Will Wearne Duce Minor Kate Brophy McGee Sonny Borrelli Daryl Seymore Rex Scott Stephen Miller Rudy Molera Mary Mallory	Coconino County Graham County Greenlee County La Paz County Maricopa County Mohave County Navajo County Pima County Pinal County Santa Cruz County Yavapai County
<b>Absent:</b>	Frank Antenori Steve Christensen	Cochise County Gila County

**Others present telephonically:** John Howard, Clay Mack, Rich Vitiello, Sam Elters, James Menlove, Dustin Welker, Derek Rapier, Alejandro Figueroa, Chris Keller, Rochelle Lacapa, Michael Racy, Tristan Wullfson, Keith Brekhus, Luke Mournian, Kim Challender-Briggs, Marlyn Van Keuren, Cynthia Gentle, Lexi Davies, Wiame Nazir, Katy Dunn, Andy Tobin, Mark Barnes, Yvonne Ortega

**Others present in person:** Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Vanessa Fielder, Jacob Emmett, Kaytlin King, Zoe Averill

President Lynne Pancrazi welcomed everyone. She recognized the passing yesterday of Congressman Raúl Grijalva and extended condolences to his family. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

**Minutes for Consideration and Approval**

Supervisor Patrice Horstman made a motion to approve the revised minutes of the March 7, 2025, CSA Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Sonny Borrelli seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**CSA Legislative Agenda**

**Adopted Budget Priorities and Adopted Policy Priorities.** Craig Sullivan stated there were two weeks remaining to hear bills in the opposite chamber, and there were a lot of bills being assigned late. As to budget negotiations, he remarked that leadership seems to be talking with each other, but they still have different approaches to the state budget.

On CSA's SB 1035 postconviction relief proceedings; hourly rate, Craig stated the bill passed out of the Senate and has been assigned to House Judiciary. He thanked Supervisor Mary Mallory for speaking with the committee chair this morning. On CSA's HB 2145 registered sanitarians; qualifications, Craig acknowledged Senator Hildy Anguis's efforts in working with Jacob Emmett in not

getting the bill amended. He noted the bill passed Senate Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency. On CSA's SB 1604 licensed secure facility; incompetent defendants, Craig reported the bill passed out of the Senate and has been assigned to House Health and Human Services.

Craig then presented on county criminal justice cost considerations, including that counties are not structured to onboard new programs, counties are bound by the expenditure limit or property tax limit, counties are responsible for the front end of the criminal justice system, and the state is responsible for long-term detention and care. He then presented a one-pager comparing county versus state criminal justice system costs to help inform SBHRF conversations, including how in FY 2024 counties spent more than the state on criminal justice despite having lower overall expenditures, and that counties pay the Department of Health Services \$817 per day per person to provide restoration to competency services at the Arizona State Hospital. He noted the bill is scheduled to be heard in committee next week and CSA will continue to insist the bill does not include cost sharing.

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

#### 1) Bills for POSSIBLE ACTION

- a) **HB 2706**: mental health; intensive treatment orders. Jacob Emnett presented HB 2706 and noted the legislation tries to coordinate the bridge between in patients and outpatients. He said he received concerns from counties about the significant costs associated with the services listed in the bill, and CSA plans to reach out to the bill sponsor on the concerns. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to affirm staff's recommendation to oppose HB 2706. Supervisor Patrice Horstman seconded the motion. Supervisor Sonny Borrelli noted HB 2706 had been assigned to Senate Judiciary and Senate Appropriations, but has not yet been heard in either committee. The motion to oppose HB 2706 passed unanimously.
- b) **SB 1593**: municipal; county; measures; standing. Kaytlin King noted SB 1593 was brought back to the LPC for consideration after last week's discussion. She said feedback had been received from counties about emergency clauses and action and that the county civil deputies were not in favor of the bill. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Daryl Seymore moved to oppose SB 1593. Supervisor Sonny Borrelli seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### 2) Bills for UPDATES

**SB 1148 S/E: CORP; defined contributions and SB 1365 PSPRS; member contributions.** Craig Sullivan stated these two bills contradict CSA's policies and CSA will continue to oppose them. He noted a stakeholder meeting is anticipated for next week on both bills. Supervisor Rex Scott requested bills intended to be discussed under updates be listed on the agenda to allow time to prepare.

**HB 2433 county treasurers; continuing education.** Craig said the counties expressed concerns and CSA expressed the concerns to the bill sponsor and county treasurers. He said the bill failed in committee this week and, hopefully, will be dead for this year.

**HB 2191 religious institutions; development; allowed use.** Jacob Emnett reported he had received feedback from the counties. He noted the biggest change after the bill was amended on the House floor was the requirement for housing on religious institution property be detached, single-family residential housing. He reported CSA has a meeting scheduled with the bill sponsor later today. Discussion occurred.

**SCR 1008 municipalities; counties; vote; fee increases.** Jacob stated the SCR would go directly to the voters if passed. He said it is scheduled for House Ways and Means next Wednesday. He noted CSA will continue to oppose the bill and plans to continue discussions with the bill sponsor.

**SB 1407 property tax assessment; greenhouses.** Jacob noted CSA had expressed concerns in committee and Supervisor Paul David had also attended the committee as the bill would affect Graham County. He noted proponents of the bill will not advance the bill further this session but have asked to be included in off-season discussions. Supervisor David thanked Jacob.

**HB 2043 harassment; intent; defense.** Jacob reported that after the bill was amended and addressed county concerns, CSA changed its position to neutral.

HB 2927 public meetings; records; requirements; penalties. Jacob reported the bill was amended after CSA expressed county concerns and then CSA moved to a neutral position but will continue discussions.

### **Other Legislative Issues**

In response to Supervisor Duce Minor's query on CSA's newspaper bill, Jacob reported CSA had asked the chairman of the Government committee to hear the bill, but instead a bill by Senator Petersen was amended and advanced, and Senator Petersen has asked that his bill be brought forward to the LPC for consideration.

In response to Andy Tobin's request for an update on HCR 2002, Jacob reported CSA had testified in opposition in Senate Judiciary and Elections, but the bill passed out of the committee. He noted it has not yet been heard in Rules or Caucus. He stated CSA will continue to do outreach on the bill. Discussion occurred.

In reverting back to Supervisor Rex Scott's comment that bills for updates be listed on the LPC agenda, Craig noted that legislation is fluid during the week and sometimes it is not known by Tuesday what bills should be presented for updates. He suggested listing the known bills on the agenda to be sent to the LPC on Tuesday and then providing an update on Thursday of any additional bills intended to be reported on at the LPC. Supervisor Scott expressed his appreciation for the suggestion.

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

President Lynne Pancrazi noted the next meeting will be the CSA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, March 20, and then the LPC will meet on March 28.

### **Other Business**

Supervisor Rex Scott requested at the next meeting an update on HB 2606 and the status of the Texas legal case connecting Prop. 314.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Lynne Pancrazi adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.