



# County Supervisors

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**MINUTES FOR THE  
COUNTY SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION  
ARIZONA COUNTIES RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
March 20, 2025  
County Supervisors Association  
Boardrooms A and B  
1905 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, Arizona**

President Lynne Pancrazi called the County Supervisors Association Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The following members were present:

**Members Present in Person:**

Alton Joe Shepherd, Apache County  
Joe Shirley, Jr., Apache County  
Patrice Horstman, Coconino County  
Judy Begay, Coconino County  
Woody Cline, Gila County  
Paul David, Graham County  
William Wearne, Greenlee County

Fern Benally, Navajo County  
Daryl Seymore, Navajo County  
Jason Whiting, Navajo County  
Steve Miller, Pinal County  
Mary Mallory, Yavapai County  
Lynne Pancrazi, Yuma County

**Members Present Telephonically:**

Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County  
Lena Fowler, Coconino County  
Tammy Ontiveros, Coconino County  
Steve Christensen, Gila County  
John Howard, Graham County  
Duce Minor, La Paz County

Thomas Galvin, Maricopa County  
Sonny Borrelli, Mohave County  
Don Martin, Mohave County  
Rex Scott, Pima County  
Rudy Molera, Santa Cruz County  
John Fanning, Santa Cruz County

**Members Absent:**

Nelson Davis, Apache County  
Kathleen Gomez, Cochise County  
Tom Crosby, Cochise County  
Frank Antenori, Cochise County  
Tim Humphrey, Gila County  
Clay Mack, Graham County  
David Gomez, Greenlee County  
Ron Campbell, Greenlee County  
Holly Irwin, La Paz County  
David Plunkett, La Paz County  
Mark Stewart, Maricopa County  
Steve Gallardo, Maricopa County  
Kate Brophy McGee, Maricopa County  
Debbie Lesko, Maricopa County  
Rich Lettman, Mohave County  
Travis Lingenfelter, Mohave County  
Ron Gould, Mohave County  
Alberto Peshlakai, Navajo County

Dawnafe Whitesinger, Navajo County  
Steve Christy, Pima County  
Matt Heinz, Pima County  
Adelita Grijalva, Pima County  
Jennifer Allen, Pima County  
Rich Vitiello, Pinal County  
Jeffrey McClure, Pinal County  
Jeffrey Serdy, Pinal County  
Mike Goodman, Pinal County  
Luis Carlos Davis, Santa Cruz County  
Nikki Check, Yavapai County  
Brooks Compton, Yavapai County  
Chris Kuknyo, Yavapai County  
[vacant], Yavapai County  
Martin Porchas, Yuma County  
Jonathan Lines, Yuma County  
Marco A. (Tony) Reyes, Yuma County  
Darren R. Simmons, Yuma County

**Proxies:**

Tim Humphrey, Gila County  
Mark Stewart, Maricopa County  
Dawnafe Whitesinger, Navajo County  
Alberto Peshlakai, Navajo County

Jeffrey McClure, Pinal County  
Jeff Serdy, Pinal County  
Mike Goodman, Pinal County  
Rich Vitiello, Pinal County

Others present in person and virtually: James Menlove, Ryan Patterson, Derek Rapier, Bryan Layton, Alejandro Figueroa. Michael Racy, Tami Ryall, Danny De Hoog, Blake Tonn, David Higuera, Keith Brekhus, Cynthia Gentle, Bianca Figueroa Castaneda, Shawn Johnson, Wiame Nazih, Lexi Davies, Katy Dunn, Erin Shrecengost, Hunter Moore, Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Jacob Emmett, Vanessa Fielder, Kaytlin King, Brandon Nee, Zoe Averill, Yvonne Ortega, Tracy Alt

## WELCOME

President Lynne Pancrazi welcomed everyone. Supervisor Jason Whiting led the invocation. Supervisor Woody Cline led the pledge of allegiance. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Minutes of February 20, 2025. Supervisor Mary Mallory moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2025, CSA Board of Directors meeting. Supervisor Woody Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of March 14, 2025. Supervisor Mary Mallory moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2025, CSA Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Patrice Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## CSA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Craig Sullivan indicated next week would be the last week to hear bills in the opposite chamber, but Appropriations committees would continue to meet the following week. He stated CSA continues to work on county budget priorities. He noted CSA had identified bills in the process that affect county revenues and expenditures and then showcased that by a collateral piece to the legislature.

Craig reviewed the status of some of CSA's priority bills; for example, SB 1217 was not heard in committee; HB 2145 is set to go to the Senate floor; SB 1035 is scheduled for a committee agenda thanks to Supervisor Mallory; and on SB 1604 Senator Angius made some modifications in order to move the bill. Craig highlighted some key takeaways from a comparison of county versus state criminal justice system costs to help inform the SBHRF conversations.

## CSA LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### Legislative Bills for Possible Action.

- a. [SB 1073 S/E](#): cities; towns; counties; public notice. Kaytlin King indicated there is a proposed amendment that would change the bill language to be permissive that would be more favorable to counties, but the amendment has not yet been heard. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Jason Whiting moved to support SB 1073 S/E. Supervisor Patrice Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. [SB 1257](#): impaired persons; court-ordered stabilization. Jacob Emmett indicated he had reached out to counties and received some concerns, particularly about due process and staff capacity. Supervisor Rex Scott relayed how a working group was formed that included behavioral and mental health professionals, that ultimately informed the Pima County board to approve including this on the county legislative program. Discussion followed. Supervisor Jason Whiting moved to oppose SB 1073 S/E as written. Supervisor Will Wearne seconded the motion. The motion passed with Supervisors Rex Scott and Sonny Borrelli opposed.
- c. [HB 2389](#) business personal property; exemption. Vanessa Fielder indicated this bill was brought forward from the last meeting with additional analysis having been received. She noted CSA had worked with Mohave, Graham, and Navajo counties to share data in the analysis. She stated HB 2389 was amended on the floor to push the effective date to TY 2032. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Sonny Borrelli moved for a neutral position on HB 2389. Supervisor Jason Whiting seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### Additional Updates on Legislative Bills.

- a. [SB 1148 S/E](#): CORP; defined contribution; membership election. Craig Sullivan indicated there were three bills this session on pension reform. He stated CSA had been called into a meeting with the county sheriffs on the sheriffs' bill that ultimately failed in large part to the detailed analysis provided by CSA. Supervisor Jason Whiting thanked CSA for trying to find solutions in order to honorably work with the sheriffs.
- b. [HCR 2002](#): voting centers; precinct voting & [HB 2017](#): voting centers; ban; precinct. Craig Sullivan indicated the bill has not moved, although the Arizona Association of Counties, the county recorders, and the county election directors are working on it.
- c. [HB 2606](#): appropriation; local border support. Kaytlin King stated CSA's Legislative Policy Committee held the position to support if the bill was amended. She noted Jacob Emmett had testified in committee, but an amendment has not yet been done. She also said the LPC had requested information on Prop. 314, which is connected to a Texas lawsuit. Discussion occurred.
- d. [SCR 1008](#): municipalities; counties; vote; fee increases. Craig referred to SB 1013, which is ultimately dead due to being struck in House Judiciary. He noted SCR 1008 passed House Ways & Means. Discussion occurred.

## BEAD UPDATE

Zoe Averill provided an update on BEAD, indicating Round 1 Procurement was completed earlier this month and now the Round 1 Project Application Review is in progress. She noted a new state broadband director (Nick Capozzi) will begin at the end of March. Zoe stated CSA has been in communication with the National Association of Counties (NACo) which indicated the U.S. Secretary of Commerce had requested a rigorous review of the BEAD program. She indicated CSA is seeking approval of a draft letter to be signed by a representative from each county to highlight

concerns to be sent to the Arizona congressional delegation. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Daryl Seymore moved to approve the proposed letter. Supervisor Rex Scott seconded the motion and the motion passed with Supervisor Sonny Borrelli opposed.

### **COUNTY REVENUE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Zoe Averill provided a county revenue performance report, noting some rural counties are experiencing increased prime contracting activity while others are experiencing decreased prime contracting and flat retail activity. She also provided information on local excise tax performance and moderate growth in property values in most counties, with slow growth or declines in four counties.

### **COUNTY 101 TOOLKIT**

Zoe Averill indicated CSA is responding to a request to create a consolidated toolkit using materials from existing online tools by CSA, such as the County Profiles, the County Government Overview, Jail Funding Authorities, and the Legislative Vacancy Process. She noted CSA also conducts a County 101 webinar each year.

### **FEDERAL UPDATE**

Zoe Averill provided a federal update, with updates on the reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding. Zoe also provided an update on municipal bonds and the House Continuing Resolution signed into law to avoid a government shutdown.

### **NACO REPORTS**

National Association of Counties (NACo). No report.

Western Interstate Region (WIR). Supervisor Patrice Horstman, one of CSA's representatives on WIR, reported a meeting with congressional representatives while at the NACo Legislative Conference. She stated that WIR and the National Center for Public Lands (NCPL) held meetings at the conference. She reported that 14 of Arizona's 15 counties have funded NCPL and Gregory Nelson, formerly with Coconino County, is now the director of NCPL. Supervisor Horstman noted the WIR Annual Conference will be held in Pennington County, South Dakota, on May 21-23, 2025.

Advisory: NACo National County Government Month. Penny Adams provided information on NACo's National County Government Month (NCGM) held in April 2025. She stated a draft proclamation in support of NCGM has been submitted requesting the Governor issue it and she will provide that to the counties once signed.

NACo Processes for FY 2025-26. Penny Adams provided information on the NACo Presidential Leadership Appointments Process and the NACo Steering Committee Nominations Process. Both have deadlines of April 30, 2025. She suggested getting in contact with her with any questions on these processes.

### **COUNTY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

James Menlove, chairman of the County Managers Association (CMA), provided a report of last week's CMA meeting, which included discussion on changes to FEMA and the uncertainty of DEMA, wildfire concerns, healthcare grants, and pension plans.

### **COUNTY CAUCUS REPORTS**

Supervisor Will Wearne provided a report on the Small County Caucus meeting held last evening. He noted the caucus held good discussions, welcomed a report from Senator Gowan, and looked at goals for the future.

The Small County Caucus and the Large County Caucus did not meet.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Supervisor Rex Scott thanked his colleagues for the informed comments provided earlier on SB 1257. He stated he would commit to working with everyone to address public health and safety concerns in moving forward because it does affect all counties. Supervisor Judy Begay introduced Shawn Johnson as Coconino County's new Government Affairs Manager.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

The next CSA board meeting will be held on April 17.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Lynne Pancrazi adjourned the CSA board meeting at 11:36 a.m.