

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Peggy Judd, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Thomas E. Borer, Supervisor

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Kim Lemons, Deputy Clerk of the Board
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Daniel Duchon, Budget Manager
Craig Sullivan, CSA Executive Director
Vanessa Fielder, CSA Research Analyst
Michael Madden, CSA Legislative Liaison

Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. County Supervisors Association (CSA) annual County Outreach Tour: update regarding legislative activities and discussion of future legislative proposals.

Chairman Judd opened the discussion and introduced Mr. Craig Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He introduced the CSA members present and started with their mission statement. CSA is an intergovernmental office that provides capacity development, research and advocacy for the supervisors and managers of all 15 counties. CSA uses data-driven systems for analysis. He said they are a government entity fully-funded by counties. Each year CSA meets with the Supervisors to develop a Strategic Plan and then reports back monthly. Vice-Chairman English is the legislative policy committee representative for Cochise County. The organization is supervisor-driven and manager supported

and all the data they collect is available online, including an annual legislative summary.

Bills for 2019 Session

Introduced 1,318 (800 touched county operations)

Passed 331

County Relevant 210

Signed 320

Vetoed 11

Enacted Rate 24.3%

FY 2020 Cochise County Relief

- Eliminate the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) fee - \$231,400
- Permanent EORP relief for 12 rural counties - \$250,000
- Extend county “flexibility language” as a tool to meet county fiscal obligations

FY20 General Fund (GF) Relief – \$481,400

2-year Ongoing Improvement - \$676,600

Mr. Sullivan stated that Senator Gowan as Chairman of the Appropriation Committee helped secure this relief with additional support from Representatives Griffin and Nutt.

FY2020 State Budget Summary

County Touchpoints

Other county issues:

- ALTCS cost increase
 - \$35.3M to state GF
 - \$21.7M to counties, (\$113K) reduction for Cochise
- Partial Presidential Preference Election Funding - \$4.4M total
- AOC probation CORP increase funded - \$2.4M
- Maintains ADOR fee to Local Governments - \$20.8M total, \$4.0M to counties, \$126K to Cochise

Cochise County ALTCS Payment

	2020 Baseline	2020 Enacted
Estimated Payment	\$4,950,800	\$5,176,200
<i>Difference from 2019</i>	<i>-\$338,100</i>	<i>-\$112,700</i>

There was a short discussion about the ALTCS numbers in relation to the population of Cochise and surrounding counties.

State Budget: Infrastructure Spending

\$254M in Infrastructure Spending:

- Expand I-17 north & southbound from Anthem to Black Canyon City - \$130M
- Widen US 95 from Avenue 9E to Fortuna Road between Yuma and Yuma Proving Grounds - \$28M
- Two new traffic interchanges on I-40 in East Kingman - \$20M
- Study and design for widening of I-10 from Phoenix to Casa Grande - \$10M
- ADOT aviation projects - \$10M
- Second interchange bridge from SR 24 near Mesa/Gateway Airport - \$6.5M
- Repair Jesse Hayes Road bridge in Globe - \$2.8M
- Help farmers begin building wells in Pinal County - \$20M
- ADEQ Sewage Discharge Remediation - \$6.5M from other funds

- Nogales Wash and International Outfall Interceptor Project - \$2.6M from other funds
- One-time transportation funding for cities & towns - \$18M

Mr. Sullivan said the biggest disappointment is the one-time transportation funding only went to cities/towns not counties. He moved on to internet sales taxation: CSA was proactive in supporting because online non-tax increases property taxes. The tax will be audited by the Department of Revenue.

Mr. Sullivan continued with the CSA initiated legislation of bills signed, budget messaging and what did not advance. He gave a summary of legislation evaluations and the work that CSA actively does to defeat or favorably amend bills that posed a serious concern to counties.

Mr. Sullivan specifically noted several county related bills –

Water Policies (on-going discussion)

Public Works

Taxation: HB 2752 criminal justice; budget reconciliation; 2019-2020 (repeals highway safety fee beginning FY2022). *Budgeting & Audit:* HB2001 law enforcement; prosecution; grants; acceptance.

Board Authorities-Public Health & Safety: SB 1003 industrial hemp; licensing; HB 2556 agricultural property; uses; rural activities.

Human Resources: SB 1146 PSPRS; EORP; CORP; modifications; HB 2190 CORP; accidental disability; definition; HB 2460 PTSD; workers' compensation; presumption (next year significant discussion) Mr. Gilligan said from an insurance pool perspective this is a huge issue.

Other County Officers: HB 2521 carrying of firearms; constables. There was a short discussion about the implications of this including insurance pool liability; SB 1090 emergency voting procedures; board action; HB 2493 appraisal methods; solar energy devices.

2019 Summary by the numbers:

County FY20 GF Relief – \$481,400

2-year Combined GF Relief – \$676,600

CSA Initiated Bills Signed or in Budget – 4

Bad Bills Defeated or Amended – 40

Mr. Sullivan said there were no awful bills that passed which is not always the case and CSA appreciated Cochise County dealing with action alerts immediately. Looking ahead CSA will develop information regarding Court Finances & Reporting; Pension Funding increases, and Data Collections. Ongoing Priorities & Issues: Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections; Presidential Preference Election; Title 36: Court Ordered Evaluation & Restoration-to-Competency (RTC); Workers Compensation and Transportation Investment. CSA will focus on eliminating the ADJC fee for Maricopa and Pima counties.

Mr. Sullivan said legislative proposals are due by August 12; the next CSA Board Meeting is September 19; and the Legislative Policy Summit is October 28-30.

In conclusion, Mr. Sullivan expressed his appreciation for Cochise County's involvement. Mr. Gilligan thanked the CSA for the relief legislation that was passed. Vice-Chairman English reiterated the importance of CSA and all the counties working together.

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Deputy Clerk of the Board