

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**SPECIAL SESSION
December 11, 2003**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 12:00 P.M., December 11, 2003, at the County Supervisors Association Boardrooms A and B, 1905 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, participating in a meeting of the County Supervisors' Association (CSA) Board of Directors. Maricopa County Supervisors present were: Fulton Brock, Chairman, District 1; Andy Kunasek, Vice Chairman, District 3; Max W. Wilson, District 4, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Absent: Don Stapley, District 2. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; David Smith, County Administrative Officer and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney.

President Sharon Bronson called the County Supervisors Association Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:41 p.m. The following members were present:

David A. Brown, Apache County
Paul Newman, Cochise County
Matt Ryan, Coconino County
José M. Sanchez, Gila County
Ron Christensen, Gila County
Cruz Salas, Gila County
Dixie L. Zumwalt, Greenlee County
Gene Fisher, La Paz County
Clifford Edey, La Paz County
Andy Kunasek, Maricopa County
Fulton Brock, Maricopa County
Max Wilson, Maricopa County

Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa County
Pete Byers, Mohave County
Pete Shumway, Navajo County
Jesse Thompson, Navajo County
Sharon Bronson, Pima County
Sandie Smith, Pinal County
Manny Ruiz, Santa Cruz County
John Maynard, Santa Cruz County
Gheral Brownlow, Yavapai County
Bob McLendon, Yuma County
Lenore L. Stuart, Yuma County

Others present:

Senator Jack Brown
Representative Tom Prezelski
V. K. Karpuk, Senator Kyl's Office
Nick Matiella, Senator McCain's Office
David Smith, Maricopa County
Martin Willett, Pima County
Jimmy Jayne, Navajo County
Steve Besich, Gila County
Jody Klein, Cochise County
David R. Garcia, Yuma County
Jim Holst, Yavapai County
Kevin Tunell, Yuma County
Fran McCarroll, Maricopa County
Rick Bohan, Maricopa County
Christian Stumpf, Maricopa County
Mike Becker, Maricopa County
Mark Barnes, CSA & Pinal County
Lisa Atkins, CSA Staff
Sally Bender, CSA Staff
Penny Adams, CSA Staff

Senator Robert Cannell
Representative Amanda Aguirre
Representative Jim Carruthers
Brent Brown, Governor's Office
Terry Doolittle, Pinal County
Kay Gale, Greenlee County
Greg Lucero, Santa Cruz County
Terry Cooper, Graham County
John Holmes, Coconino County
Delwin Wengert, Apache County
Jo Johnson, Gila County
Diane Sikokis, Maricopa County
Judy Jones, Navajo County
Douglas Cole, Maricopa County
Paul Golab, Maricopa County
Bruce Bartholomew, Maricopa County
Dennis Miller, Santa Cruz County
Jim Sawyer, AACo
Joan Serviss, CSA Staff
Nicole Waldron, CSA Staff

Proxies:

Louise Yellowman, Coconino County
Paul Babbitt, Coconino County

Deborah Hill, Coconino County
Elizabeth Archuleta, Coconino County

INTRODUCTIONS

President Sharon Bronson wished everyone happy holidays. She welcomed Senator Jack Brown, Representative Jim Carruthers, Representative Tom Prezelski, Senator Robert Cannell, and Representative Amanda Aguirre. She also welcomed Brent Brown from the Governor's Office, V. K. Karpuk from Senator Kyl's Office, Nick Matiella from Senator McCain's Office, and Bruce Bartholomew from MCDOT, who helped set up the tables for today's holiday luncheon. She also welcomed all the county managers who were in attendance. Penny Adams confirmed a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2003, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Supervisor Bob McLendon moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2003 Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee meeting, as previously distributed. Supervisor Manny Ruiz seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CITIZENS FINANCE REVIEW COMMISSION UPDATE

David Smith said he had hoped the final meeting of the Citizens Finance Review Commission (CFRC) would have met before today's meeting. The meeting was supposed to be held yesterday, but it was postponed until Monday, December 15. At that meeting, the CFRC will accept or reject the 46 recommendations to change, modernize and update the income, property, and sales tax codes, as well as miscellaneous revenues. He reminded the board that he chaired the miscellaneous revenues committee. Mr. Smith said that he believed the data collected and the conclusions drawn were from good research. He said there is some debate on whether the taxes are too high or spending is too high. He said this kind of data helps to make those decisions about whether our businesses or citizens are relatively overtaxed compared to other major metropolitan areas. He said he would like to see the data updated every year and that it be used as good input to policymaking at the local and state levels. He said of the 46 recommendations, he believes five or six will be rejected, four have not been decided on yet, and the five miscellaneous proposals he recommended will be included. He said the goal is for the state to be healthy, because, in turn, the counties can be healthy.

REPORT FROM LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

Sally Bender reported that the Legislative Policy Committee met this morning. One legislative proposal had been withdrawn and one has been added. Sally listed the proposals included in CSA's 2004 Legislative Package:

- ◆ Create a legislative study committee to address county expenditure and levy limits
- ◆ Create a legislative study committee to identify a funding source for regional alcohol centers and county detoxification centers

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- ◆ Clarify the statute to permit access to disbursed Federal Matching Assistance Percentage funds (FMAP) to the counties in the amount of \$4 million
- ◆ Prohibit state and federal governments from imposing unfunded mandates on counties
- ◆ Increase the amount counties can charge for small claims service by mail from \$3 per filing to \$8 as a result of postage increase
- ◆ Withdrew the issue to create a legislative study committee to re-write county improvement district statutes
- ◆ Increase the cost for meals to county jail inmates from \$1 to \$2 per day and seek an inflationary clause for future adjustments
- ◆ Added the issue of authorizing diary product inspections at local retail locations by county health departments

Supervisor Pete Byers moved to approve the Legislative Package in its entirety. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

President Bronson asked the legislators present if they would like to say a few words about the special session. Senator Cannell commented the Senate has completed its work and they are waiting on the House. He said both the CPS and prison bills were sitting in the House. He said there were other minor appropriations, but the major issues were the prison and CPS bills. He said there were concerns on the fines in the prison bill, but believes it would be fixed in the House. Representative Carruthers said small meetings are going on in the House this afternoon and they hope to have results at 2:00 p.m.

Senator Brown commented the House and Senate couldn't seem to get together to decide what to do to work on a compromise, which is why this afternoon will be important. He said the Senate put out a bill with only two no votes, with full bipartisan support. He said they have met with the Governor and they are hopeful the House will agree to meet and come to a conclusion. Representative Aguirre said it has been a long session. She said she had hoped the House would move faster, but they wasted some days holding meetings. She urged all county supervisors to call their state legislators. She said a lot of work has been done by the Senate and the Governor to put out the bipartisan bill and now House members need pressure put on them.

President Bronson said she appreciated each legislator's attendance and hoped they were able to finish soon to enjoy the holidays. V. K. Karpuk said he and Nick Matiella were happy to have their bosses home from a long session. Senator Kyl plans to visit around the state in January and February. He requested if counties have any concerns, to please call Senators McCain or Kyl. Supervisor Paul Newman said although he did not agree with the entire bill, he wanted to acknowledge Senator Kyl's accomplishment on the Medicare bill, specifically the provision that helped Arizona's hospitals. President Bronson agreed that it was helpful, especially as it related to border issues and undocumented indigents.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Lisa Atkins said that at the last board meeting she handed out a term sheet on state trust lands. The state trust lands group is continuing the drafting of specific statutory language; it is not yet ready. However, the draft maps of those lands that will be used as incentives and those option lands that communities can purchase to hold as open space are ready. Lisa advised that since the maps are still a work in progress, the group has a general agreement that the maps must stay at the State Land

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Department and cannot be distributed. She has asked for a list by county of those lands that are both incentive and option. She will forward that list upon receipt from the State Land Director. At that point, she will coordinate with counties to go to the State Land Department to review the maps. She said the group met with the Governor the day before yesterday and the Governor is intrigued and pleased with the progress. They hope to have it all wrapped up by the end of January.

Lisa said that a few people had asked for an update on the Tax Reform for Arizona Citizens Committee (TRAC). A draft report from the committee was distributed. The Legislature established the committee last year and it is comprised of legislators, local government officials, including Supervisor Andy Kunasek, school district representatives, and private citizens representing taxpayers and businesses. Lisa said the two co-chairs, Senator Dean Martin and Representative Steve Huffman, would be asked to attend the January board meeting to provide details of what the committee is doing and what they see the outlook of the committee will be.

Lisa said that Joan Serviss worked with Supervisor Les Thompson on accumulating the numbers on assessments and tax values. She said CSA has not been able to tag anything directly to county impacts yet, so they were hesitant in distributing the handout. But, they have identified shortfalls in AHCCCS, DES, DHS and the Department of Revenue. Lisa said CSA is staying in close touch with JLBC to get information from them as it becomes available.

Lisa reminded the board about the NACo annual conference coming up in July 2004 to be hosted by Maricopa County in Phoenix. Maricopa County appreciates the input from other counties and a representative from Maricopa County is scheduled to speak at the January County Managers meeting to provide an update.

Lisa stated the new column format that each supervisor will be asked to contribute to began with last week's newsletter. She thanked President Bronson for the first newsletter article, especially for her kind comments about CSA staff in the article. After the third vice-president is identified today, a schedule of dates will be sent out to each county listing when each supervisor has been selected to provide a news article. President-elect Bob McLendon will provide the next article. Reminders of the upcoming dates will also be sent out. If anyone has suggestions on how the process could be improved, please advise CSA.

President Bronson said one purpose of the articles from each supervisor is to try to tell the story of each county that might be helpful to legislators as they make policy. It will also provide an opportunity for each supervisor to highlight something special about themselves, their district and/or county. Each supervisor will have the opportunity to talk about their district and policy issues that matter to them, all within a 13-month period.

APPROVAL OF 2004 CSA MEETING SCHEDULE

President Bronson said that Jim Sawyer wanted her to remind everyone about the AACo Legislative Reception on January 27 at the Arizona Club on top of the Bank One building downtown, and the AACo Legislative Conference on January 28 at the Historic First Church on Monroe and Fifth Avenue. Jim Sawyer added that a lunch will be served at the legislative conference and they have invited all legislators to attend. He said it would be a great opportunity for county supervisors to meet with their legislators. Supervisor Kunasek moved to approve the CSA meeting schedule for 2004. Supervisor Byers seconded the motion and the motion passed.

COUNTY CAUCUS REPORTS

Supervisor Ron Christensen reported the Small Counties Caucus met last night. They had a good meeting and discussed issues on homeland security monies becoming available, the healthy forest bill signed by the President, and school bonds that would negatively affect Gila and La Paz counties.

Supervisor Sandie Smith said the Medium Counties Caucus met this morning and she was re-elected as chairman of the caucus. She said the caucus believes they should be named the Magnificent Six. They elected Supervisor Matt Ryan to be CSA Third Vice-president. She said the caucus also discussed state lands, rampant wildcat dumping, land splits, border issues, and airport issues. They plan to provide regular reports and maybe seek some support from the other counties.

President Bronson said the Large Counties Caucus is focusing on the July NACo annual conference and stated it would be a great opportunity for all counties to attend.

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR CSA OFFICERS FOR 2004

President Bronson advised a sheet was provided with the agenda listing the slate of officers for 2004. She noted that Supervisor Matt Ryan was chosen by the Medium Counties Caucus for the third vice-president position. She then named the slate of officers for the officer positions for 2004: Bob McLendon (medium county), President, David Brown (small county), President-elect, Andy Kunasek (large county), First Vice-president, Jim Palmer (small county), Second Vice-president, Matt Ryan (medium county), Third Vice-president, Sharon Bronson (large county), Immediate Past President.

Supervisor Pete Shumway moved to close the nominations. Supervisor Sandie Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed. Supervisor Shumway moved for the entire slate of nominees, as presented, be elected. Supervisor Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT'S GAVEL

President Bronson said the past year has been a great opportunity and an honor to represent the association. She said all counties have been great to work with. She commented it was a tough budget year and understands this coming year could be even tougher. She said making government more accessible to citizens is an important policy goal. As she passed the gavel to President-elect McLendon, she commented it has been a super year and wished all the best to Supervisor McLendon.

PRESENTATION OF OUTGOING CSA PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE

Newly elected President Bob McLendon thanked Supervisor Bronson for her services for the past year. He presented her with a natural stone plaque and said he hoped she would accept it with the association's thanks and gratitude. He read the engraving: Presented to Sharon Bronson, President, In Grateful Appreciation for Your Outstanding Service and Leadership, from the County Supervisors Association of Arizona, 2003. Supervisor Bronson thanked President McLendon and CSA for the plaque.

President McLendon advised the first thing he would like to do as president is, by executive order, change the name of the Medium Counties Caucus to the Magnificent Counties Caucus.

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President McLendon commented that he appreciated the work Supervisor Bronson has done this past year. He said he first met her about five years ago when he was in Pima County to greet the President of the United States. President McLendon was Minority Leader then and Raul Grijalva was a Pima County Supervisor and now is a congressman; all this, he said, goes to show things never stay the same. He said he hopes to keep the organization moving along, keep the good feelings everyone has for each other, and keep everyone working together to get the job done. He said one of the things he likes about being a county supervisor is that things can be done in a nonpartisan manner. He said that if Senator Brown were still present he would tell him how much he appreciates the Senate getting their job done in a nonpartisan manner. He said supervisors are all here for one reason and that's to represent the citizens of the state to the best of their ability.

He promised, during his tenure as president, the County Supervisors Association would continue to work with the Governor, the Legislature and legislative leaders of both parties of both houses, to get the job done for the people of Arizona. He intends to work closely with leadership of AACo and wants the other county elected officials to know they are important and we will work closely with them. He said CSA would also extend a hand to the League of Cities and Towns and work closely with them.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next CSA Board of Directors meeting will be held on January 29, 2004. An LPC meeting will be held on January 16, 2004. The regular legislative session will begin January 12 and President McLendon requested supervisors keep in touch with their legislators. He said Yuma County would be meeting with their legislators and it is important to let legislators know they are appreciated. He thanked those legislators present for coming to today's meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lisa Atkins noted that CSA staff appreciates the support counties have given all year long. She said the last legislative session was weathered and the upcoming session looks to be as difficult. She said counties work well together as a team, with CSA staff and with AACo. Lisa commented that it has been one year since she came on board with CSA and she has enjoyed it immensely. She said she has made a lot of new friends, has learned a tremendous amount, and is looking forward to another good year in 2004.

Supervisor Manny Ruiz congratulated President McLendon and said he believes in the speech the president gave on working together in a nonpartisan manner.

President McLendon wished everyone happy holidays and thanked staff again.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the CSA board meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Fulton Brock, Chairman of the Board

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board