



2004 MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE



2004 2nd Regular Session, 46th Legislature

➤ THE BUDGET

Work closely with the State Legislature and the Governor to minimize impacts on County government revenues and responsibilities. Further, protect Maricopa County's two-year budget agreement made in the 2003 Session; continue working with the State to identify potential asset purchases to fulfill Maricopa County's financial commitment.

➤ EXTENSION OF ½ CENT TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX

Maricopa County is supportive of the ½ cent sales tax extension and will work with the Legislature to ensure that appropriate accountability provisions are included.

➤ AUTHORIZE STATE DISBURSEMENT OF FMAP MONIES TO COUNTIES

Make correction to last year's state budget that failed to explicitly authorize the state to disburse Federal Medical Assistance Percentages money to Counties to reduce required County Arizona Long-Term Care System (ALTCS) contributions.

➤ SEEK NECESSARY CORRECTIONS TO MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT LAW:

- Allow special districts including new health care district to self-insure*
- Authorize health care district to provide employee health benefit insurance coverage to other governmental entities where mutually agreeable*

➤ REFORM COUNTY INMATE HEALTH CARE GRIEVANCE PROCESS

Require inmates of County jails to utilize appropriate internal grievance procedures before making complaints to health provider regulatory boards.

➤ AUTHORIZE SALE OF EXCESS LAND FROM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS

Allow County flood control districts as municipal corporations to sell excess real property, at market value, to other political subdivisions, including school districts, without having to offer the property at public auction.

➤ **COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

Current statute authorizes County health departments to prescribe rules for public schools, but is silent as to private schools. This proposal merely clarifies that County rule authority with regard to inspection of sanitary conditions extends to private as well as public schools. (note: this proposal was subsequently withdrawn)

➤ **ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE DEFINITION OF REZONING ORDINANCE**

Establishment of a statutory definition of “Rezoning Ordinance” would assist Counties in complying with state laws and would enable Counties statewide to consistently apply such a definition in processing comprehensive plan amendments.

➤ **SEEK STATUTORY CHANGES REGARDING “STALE” DATED WARRANTS**

Revise statute regarding presentation of voided checks or warrants to County Boards of Supervisors for payment, to allow an additional one-year period during which persons may present a legitimate warrant for payment after it had been voided.

Support/Assist With the Following Legislative Issues

- **Use of Mental Health Experts** – Assist the Arizona Judicial Council with proposal to change from mandatory to permissive the requirement that one of two mental health experts appointed by the court to conduct a competency examination be a psychiatrist.
- **Transaction Privilege License** – Assist the Department of Revenue with proposal to allow limited access to DOR’s transaction privilege license information for purposes of ensuring compliance with environmental and public health requirements.
- **Inspection of Dairy Products** – Assist the County Supervisors Association with proposal to clarify authority of county health departments to conduct dairy product inspections at retail locations.

Closely Monitor/Take Board Position on the Following Legislative Issues

If They Are Initiated by Other Parties

- **Legislative Implementation of Strategies To Protect Military Installations** – respond to Governor’s Military Facilities Task Force recommendations regarding possible mechanisms for reimbursement of property owners.
- **Recreational Corridor Channelization Districts** – respond to legislative Task Force recommendations regarding potential creation of “recreational corridor channelization districts” for floodplain management and enhanced recreational opportunities.
- **Task Force on State Lands/State Trust Land Reform** – respond to Task Force recommendations regarding the possibility of asking voters to consider making constitutional changes to current laws governing state lands, including issues of preservation, land exchange, etc.

- o Closely Monitor Department of Real Estate recommendations for proposed legislation regarding **illegal subdivision/lot split issues**.

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