

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**SPECIAL CSA SESSION
March 20, 2008**

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors convened at 10:00 a.m., March 20, 2008, to attend the County Supervisors Association and Legislative Policy Committee Board of Directors meeting, held at 1905 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ, with the following Maricopa County Supervisors present: Andrew Kunasek, Chairman, District 3, Max Wilson, Vice-Chairman, District 4, Don Stapley, District 2 (entered late), and Fulton Brock, Supervisor, District 1 (entered late). Absent: Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Lupe Lerma, Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Board and Victoria Mangiapane, Deputy County Attorney.

WELCOME

Jim Palmer, President, County Supervisors Association, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Tom White (Apache County) moved to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2008 CSA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Richard Lunt (Greenlee County) seconded the motion and the motion passed.

~ Supervisor Stapley entered the meeting ~

STATEWIDE STRATEGY FOR RESTORING ARIZONA'S FORESTS PRESENTATION

As a member of the Governor's Forest Health Council, Supervisor Mark Herrington (Graham County) introduced Ethan Aumack, co-chair of the Governor's Forest Health Council. Ethan Aumack co-chairs the Council with Molly Pitts, who was unable to attend. Mr. Aumack reported that the Governor convened the Forest Health Advisory Oversight Council in 2003 by executive order following the Rodeo-Chediski fire. The council encompasses a representative group of industry, federal and state representatives, and local government across the state. The advisory council focused on science-related issues. The oversight council focused on policy guidance and recommendations going through the state legislature and the congressional delegation. The two councils developed a strategic plan of recommendations for forest management and restoration, community protection, fire management, and economic development across the state.

Mr. Aumack distributed an Executive Summary of the Statewide Strategy for Restoring Arizona's Forests: Sustainable Forests, Communities and Economies. A full copy of the report can be obtained by contacting Mr. Aumack. He also provided a PowerPoint presentation on key issues. Five key strategies for forest management and restoration for the next 20 years were developed, along with 16 recommendations and 51 action items. There are five recommendations specifically for counties and local government. They are: 1) develop land use policies and practices; 2) increase coordination of forest restoration, fire management, and community protection planning and implementation across jurisdictional boundaries; 3) use Community Wildfire Protection Plans; 4) support wood product industries; and 5) educate the public.

In reply to Supervisor Wilson's question on how much the fires cost the state of Arizona, Mr. Aumack stated it is difficult to assess the state's cost of the Rodeo-Chediski, but the total was astronomical at state and federal levels. Supervisor David Tenney (Navajo County) asked whether the council is doing large scale stewardship contracting. Mr. Aumack explained that the group actively supports the White

Mountain stewardship contract. Supervisor Tenney encouraged the group to get behind industry to cleanup the forests. Supervisor Herrington added that the group has come a long way in agreement and he believes they will ultimately reach their goal.

Chairman Kunasek questioned if there has been any analysis on greenhouse gases from huge fires such as the Rodeo-Chediski fire. Mr. Aumack said there is ongoing research at several universities. He said forest management in western states has been pinpointed for an opportunity to study carbon releases. Supervisor Tommie Martin suggested looking at the product profitability of paying for restoration and to look at appropriate-sized landscape area. Mr. Aumack stated a land use policy report will be posted on the Governor's Forest Health Council website and copies can be provided to CSA for distribution; Supervisor Matt Ryan (Coconino County) suggested CSA link to it on its website. Supervisor Liz Archuleta (Coconino County) said that NACo is taking an active role working with counties to develop their Community Wildfire Protection Plans and is working on publication of a resource handbook with a federal training section. NACo and the Public Lands steering committee met with the regional forester to stress the need to expedite stewardship contracts. Supervisor Archuleta suggested the regional forester meet with counties through CSA. Mr. Aumack suggested a representative from the Forest Health Council meet with CSA on an annual basis. He said any support from counties for the statewide strategy at the county level would be appreciated.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Craig Sullivan reported that the committee hearing process will be extended at least two weeks. SCR 1028, public gifts, loans (sponsored by Johnson and Chevront), would expand the definition of the constitutional gift ban; it is still in Rules. HB 2055, voting, county board of supervisors, is a McClure proposal to provide a mechanism to increase the board of supervisors from three to five members, where applicable. It was defeated twice, but will be watched to see if a vehicle is used for its return. Of the two bills on restrictions of secondary levy limits, SB 1256 has not yet made it to the floor. The sponsor of HB 2586 wants to pass it and will try again this afternoon. In the Senate, fire districts would be removed from the bill, but public health and library districts would remain. CSA urges counties to promote opposition. Supervisor Ryan questioned if the bill were killed, would it kill the amendment proposed by Senator Burns and Representative Yarbrough removing the authority of the board of supervisors to establish a health district. Craig reported the House caucus met yesterday and is starting FY09 conversations. There are two issues to focus on: the Governor's proposal to move state prisoners to county jails and the Governor's proposal on photo radar expansion, of which there could be an impact on judicial productivity credits and the number of JP districts. CSA requested counties express concern to their local legislators. Supervisor Archuleta reported that the Medium County Caucus agreed this morning to speak to the CSA board about a joint resolution between CSA and AACo opposing the Governor's proposal to shift state prisoners to counties. The joint resolution is intended to show strong opposition. Supervisor David Snider (Pinal County) added that the caucus agreed the supervisors needed to partner with the sheriffs on this.

Supervisor Snider then questioned the status of SB 1024, cities, campaign finance, website. Todd Madeksza said the proposal is to force the county to put the financial data of county elected officials on the county website. There is opposition from AACo and the League. He said that Representative Nelson held the bill and expressed a willingness to put on a population threshold to exempt smaller cities and to have a delayed effective date of four years (the League liked this). Todd questioned whether CSA would prefer the threshold or to join the League and AACo in opposing it. Supervisor Snider commented that although campaign finances are public record, it could create a chilled effect for those who contribute to

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campaigns to have their contributions publicly exposed. He thought there could be unintended consequences with the electronic posting. Supervisor Sharon Bronson (Pima County) felt that CSA needed to oppose it completely and not deal with thresholds. She moved to oppose SB 1024. Supervisor Snider seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Todd noted that HB 2151, Iran, public fund divestment, will be amended in House committee of the whole. The cost for the divestiture of the retirement system from Iran would be 1.05 percent to both the employee and employer. A similar bill passed earlier this session. President Palmer noted that Craig will draft the resolution opposing the prisoner shift and will discuss it with AACo.

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS IN U.S.-MEXICO BORDER COUNTIES/THE COSTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

President Palmer extended best wishes to Supervisor Manny Ruiz (Santa Cruz) who was having surgery today.

Greg Lucero stated that a report issued earlier this month on Undocumented Immigrants in U.S.-Mexico Border Counties was a follow-up to a report issued in 2000. The costs for criminal undocumented aliens in the states that border Mexico have doubled from 2002 through 2006. The four border counties in Arizona that are affected had a total cost of \$26.6 million to deal with criminal undocumented aliens; of that amount, Pima County's share is \$15 million. The feds reimbursed the border counties \$4.7 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. From 1999 to 2006, the estimated cost to the four border counties would be \$187 million and more than half of that amount would be covered by Pima County alone. These costs don't include unreimbursed medical expenses for undocumented aliens. A news article by Supervisor Bronson was included in the agenda packet, along with a few from other states.

NACO

NACo Legislative Conference Report - Supervisor White advised that the NACo Legislative Conference was well attended by the Arizona delegation, with 2,000 elected officials in attendance overall. He said the primary purpose of the conference was for county officials on steering committees to review and make recommendations on issues. Supervisor White serves on the Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee and chairs the Native American Affairs subcommittee. The committee considered two resolutions regarding the impact on Indian gaming and lands taken into trust. He said that after heated debates, the land resolution was deferred to the WIR conference in May. He asked those attending the WIR conference to please assist with the resolution. Supervisor Ryan described the NACo elections process. NACo would like for proxies to be sent in ahead of time in case there are debates during the election process. He noted that Supervisor Stapley will become the NACo President at the annual conference this year and commented that he has done an excellent job during his tenure in the leadership chain in bringing recognition to Arizona and its issues. He commented it is important for those who attend the conferences to provide Supervisor Stapley with support. He stated the subcommittee recommendations are listed on the NACo website. He encouraged participation in the WIR conference in May.

Supervisor Archuleta mentioned that the Public Lands Steering Committee met all day at the conference to review its platform in order to put it into an easier format. The platform will be adopted at the annual conference this summer. She mentioned an OHV task force working on a resolution, a task force looking

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at the waters of the U.S., and a task force looking at reconsideration of the PILT formula. Supervisor Archuleta requested three different proposals on the PILT formula be submitted for review by the subcommittee then the full committee. It will be brought to the 2009 annual conference if a sponsor can be obtained.

Supervisor Snider stated the Environment, Energy and Land Use steering committee considered carbon tax and waters of the U.S. issues that were deferred to the summer conference. They need more research on the issues. The committee also reviewed the lands in trust issue.

National County Government Week - Penny Adams reported that April 6-12 will be National County Government Week. In the agenda packet is a one-pager providing ways to support county government week in counties. A proclamation was requested from the Governor supporting County Government Week; a copy is included in the agenda packet and the original is on display in the office. CSA provided a copy of the proclamation to AACo to display.

~ Chairman Kunasek left the meeting and would not return ~

President Palmer reported that the election for the NACo and WIR board representatives will be considered along with a bylaws amendment referring to those positions at the April CSA board meeting. The proposed bylaws amendment proposes the positions be held for at least two years in order to have some continuity in the positions. He requested the caucuses and counties consider nominations. Supervisor Mark Herrington (Graham County) is interested in continuing as the WIR representative.

COUNTY CAUCUS REPORTS

Supervisor John Maynard (Santa Cruz County) reported that Santa Cruz County hosted the Small County Caucus dinner meeting last evening. It was well attended with Senator Flake and Representatives Brown, Konopnicki and Alvarez. A budget update and legislative update were provided. They discussed forest service lands, the wolf release program, and road closures. Supervisor Archuleta reported the Medium County Caucus met this morning and discussed legislation and the proposal on the resolution against the jail inmate transfer. Supervisor Bronson reported the Large County Caucus is doing well.

OTHER BUSINESS

Birthday wishes were extended to Supervisor Stapley. Mr. Stapley commented that he was unable to attend the NACo Legislative Conference due to illness, but thanked those who attended. He said it is important for counties to have a seat at the federal government table and for our voices to be heard.

Along with Supervisor Stapley, Attorney General Terry Goddard, Navajo Nation First Lady Vicki Shirley, and Amy Rex, Arizona Meth Project Director for Maricopa County, co-chair the Statewide Advisory Board to the Arizona Meth Project (AMP). The AMP met in Washington with the Arizona congressional delegation and others. The AMP has finished its last round of advertising on television and radio. Baseline surveys were conducted. Next month will be the first year anniversary of the AMP. Ten out of 15 counties participated in the AMP. They would like to be as successful as the Montana Meth Project and will soon be asking for fundraising from all 15 counties for the upcoming year. The AMP anticipates receiving some federal money.

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Meth projects are now in 11 states, with Montana and Arizona being the first two. Their motto is to still use private monies with as little public money as possible. Mr. Siebel, founder of the Montana Meth Project, is wonderful at advertising and the AMP is patterned after the Montana Meth Project. As soon as the field survey results are in, they will be provided. President Palmer thanked Supervisor Stapley for his hard work and dedication to this project.

Supervisor Bronson mentioned that Pima County has gone a different track on the meth issue. They are now focusing on cocaine and heroine use because those trends are rising. Supervisor Carol Springer (Yavapai County) mentioned the same in Yavapai County.

President Palmer mentioned there are three candidates interested in applying for the County Leadership Institute, Supervisors Buster Johnson (Mohave County) David Tenney (Navajo County) and Russell McCloud (Yuma County). He appreciated the interest and noted that NACo will be making the selection.

President Palmer reported that a flyer on the Legislative Summit was provided noting that hotel reservations can now be made directly with the resort. The Summit will be held at the Esplendor Resort in Rio Rico on November 18 – 20, 2008. CSA had previously agreed to hold the Summit post-election. President Palmer welcomed Brent Brown from the Governor's Office. Supervisor Snider said he received an e-mail request yesterday from the real estate commissioner's office requesting a conference call on the proposed IGA. President Palmer said he had received the same request and suggested it was an attempt by the commissioner to get all the counties on board with the IGA. President Palmer reported that our June CSA Board meeting will coincide with the AACo conference in Flagstaff at the new convention center. AACo adjusted their affiliate meeting schedule to allow affiliates to meet on Thursday afternoon, June 5.

Supervisor Wilson mentioned the loss of an F16 pilot a few days ago. He thanked the La Paz County Sheriff's Department and Maricopa County rescue teams for working all night to locate the pilot. He extended thanks to everyone who helped.

Supervisor Shirley Dawson (Gila County) said that Resolution Copper is making an effort to move forward. She said the company would bring over \$4 billion to the state each year for the next 66 years. She said counties should support the efforts of the mine and suggested they speak with their legislators and congressional delegation. She said there is some opposition from Native Americans and those issues are being addressed. Supervisor Snider recognized Supervisors Kunasek and Wilcox for stepping up and meeting with Senator Kyl on that issue. He said he also met with seven of the eight congressional offices and Congressman Grijalva has concerns on that issue.

President Palmer thanked Supervisor Stapley for nominating him as CSA President to attend a NACo-sponsored trip through the American Israel Friendship League. It was funded solely by that organization and was an excellent opportunity to meet with U.S. city officials in Israel.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

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Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Lupe Lerma, Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Board