

**MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK**

**SPECIAL CSA SESSION  
April 17, 2008**

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors convened at 10:04 a.m., April 17, 2008, to attend the County Supervisors Association and Legislative Policy Committee Board of Directors meeting, held at 1905 W. Washington, Ste. 100, Phoenix, AZ, with the following Maricopa County Supervisors present: Andrew Kunasek, Chairman, District 3, Max Wilson, Vice-Chairman, District 4, Don Stapley, District 2, and Fulton Brock, Supervisor, District 1 (entered late); and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5 (entered late). Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board and Victoria Mangiapane, Deputy County Attorney. Others Present for Maricopa County: Diane Sikokis, Maricopa County, Scott Isham, Maricopa County, Rick Bohan, Maricopa County, Jim Bloom, Maricopa County and Mary Reiss, Maricopa County

**WELCOME**

Jim Palmer, President, County Supervisors Association, said he was able to view firsthand the excellent pitching arm of Chairman Kunasek to Supervisor Stapley during a recent Diamondbacks game. The Maricopa County Supervisors were helping to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Maricopa County Stadium District by throwing the first pitch of the game. President Palmer welcomed everyone and led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Penny Adams acknowledged a quorum was present. Supervisor Manny Ruiz, Santa Cruz County, moved to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2008 CSA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee meeting, the February 29, 2008 Legislative Policy Committee meeting, the March 7, 2008 Legislative Policy Committee meeting, the March 14, 2008 Legislative Policy Committee meeting, the March 28, 2008 Legislative Policy Committee meeting, the April 4, 2008 Legislative Policy Committee meeting, and the April 22, 2008 Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Lenore Stuart, Yuma County, seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**~ Supervisor Brock entered the meeting ~**

**TIME COALITION INITIATIVE**

Victor Mendez, Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, spoke about the statewide transportation package. A Critical Needs List was put together by a collaboration of engineers, planners and ADOT. They determined the critical needs on a statewide basis totaled \$160 billion. That broke down to a \$42.5 billion package over 30 years assuming a 1 cent statewide sales tax increase. ADOT is looking at strategic corridors throughout the entire state. The handout provided on the Preliminary Draft Statewide Transportation Investment Strategy included transportation improvement projects statewide (high capacity roadway project and public transit/rail project), local transportation improvement projects (local roadway and Regional public transit/rail), public/private partnership inducement fund, enhancement program, and revenue contribution distribution.

MAG is conducting a study and is looking at three potential commuter rail options. ADOT is looking at a commuter rail option in Tucson. Tucson prefers the term "modern streetcar" over light rail. They are also looking to one day expand the system from 3 Phoenix to Northern Arizona (to Prescott, maybe Williams/Flagstaff). He stated that Maricopa County has 50 percent of the state's population and generates 55 percent of all revenues, and they understand they would be a donor county. Mr. Mendez indicated he was not speaking on behalf of the TIME Coalition Initiative, but on the Governor's perspective of putting more priority on transportation. The Governor has included all types of infrastructure needs in her priorities the past few years.

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Supervisor Wilson questioned the transportation plan for the Loop 303 or I-10 west out of Phoenix. Mr. Mendez said Loop 303 is part of MAG's 20-year plan of the Regional Transportation Plan that needs new revenue beyond the 20-year plan. There is a section of the 303 that might be a possibility for a public/private partnership. They are also suggesting widening the I-10 west of the current widening scenario. Supervisor Wilson commented that Maricopa County has the highest population in the state and the highest traffic pattern in and out of the city, and he questioned the formula for the distribution plan. Supervisor Lenore Stuart referenced a letter Yuma County sent to Victor Mendez expressing concern over the city and the county contributing more money than what will be returned to them, as it is not proportionate to their needs. Mr. Mendez said they need to look at the broader picture rather than dollar for dollar in order to get projects completed.

Supervisor Matt Ryan, Coconino County, stated that counties value transportation issues and CSA has included transportation in their legislative package the past few years. He expressed concern with the maintenance program beyond the new money. Mr. Mendez said that since it's a statewide transportation plan, they need to look at dollars available across the state, because the current revenue stream is diminishing rapidly, and in a few years they will be in a maintenance mode. Supervisor Jesse Thompson indicated that the paved Bureau of Indian Affairs roads into the reservations are not being adequately maintained and said he would like to discuss this with Mr. Mendez at another time. President Palmer commented that the challenge of the 1 cent statewide sales tax kills a local sales tax increase option for special districts and special infrastructure projects. He suggested the TIME Coalition consider that and other options as it moves forward.

**~ Supervisor Wilcox entered the meeting ~  
~ Chairman Kunasek left the meeting and would not return ~**

**COUNTIES' OPPORTUNITIES WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Arizona Corporation Commissioner Kris Mayes provided a presentation on Arizona's Renewable Energy Standard, which the Arizona Corporation had recently approved. Utilities will have to produce 15 percent of their total retail sales from renewable energy by 2025. Arizona has solar energy sources all over the state in every county, as well as wind energy sources across most parts of the state. Supervisor Kunasek is trying to get solar manufacturers to locate in Maricopa County. There are some solar energy companies in Scottsdale and Northern Arizona. An upcoming net metering program makes solar panel installation more affordable. Net metering allows a consumer to be credited for energy they generate in excess of their use. Renewable energy is the most effective way to utilize Arizona's resources and benefit Arizona's environment. Supervisor Liz Archuleta, Coconino County, said there is an approved wind farm on the I-40 corridor. She questioned if there is a future proposal to modify the portfolio requiring purchases be done locally rather than through APS. Commissioner Mayes said that APS most likely looks for lower cost sources, but should consider local sources as it would benefit Arizona's economy.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Craig Sullivan, Executive Director, CSA, gave a reminder that CSA has been reporting legislative activity weekly in its Friday newsletter. Craig provided a briefing on the state trust land reform, property tax initiatives, and budget negotiations. Negotiations on the state trust land reform appear to be fracturing; some want to go to the ballot initiative rather than through the legislative process. It appears that the *Lassen* (rights-of-way) issue is not involved in the ballot initiative and would, therefore, still need to be dealt with. Mr. Sullivan reported that two property tax bills failed and the Governor vetoed the permanent repeal of the state equalization property tax. This could mean leadership would include the permanent repeal in the budget negotiations or leadership may pursue a ballot referendum as a property tax

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omnibus. As far as budget discussions, the ALTCS shift, the HURF shift, photo radar and the prisoner shift are still on the table. It appears that photo radar may go through. CSA is continually letting legislators know that counties need to be at the table if any cost shifts to counties are being considered.

President Palmer welcomed Senator Jake `Flake. Senator Flake said the FY08 budget proposal might get out of the House and Senate today. There are some sweeps, some rollover, extraction from the rainy day fund, and hits to the STAN account.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CSA BYLAWS AMENDMENT FOR THE NACo BOARD POSITION AND THE WIR POSITION TERMS**

President Palmer indicated that the proposed bylaws amendment was discussed at the February board meeting and forwarded to counties on February 25. In order to comply with the 30-day notice requirement in the bylaws, consideration of the bylaws amendment couldn't be done until this month's board meeting. Supervisor Richard Lunt, Greenlee County, moved to adopt the bylaws amendment as proposed. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**NACo BOARD NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION**

Nominations and Election for the NACo Board of Directors Representative. President Palmer relayed that one of the bylaws amendments included the process of electing our NACo board representative. The purpose of the amendment was to create longevity for the position by not selecting the outgoing president each year, but to consider a representative who will gain some seniority and experience on the board. As Penny Adams distributed voting ballot slips, President Palmer provided ballot instructions, including proxy voting and voting telephonically. Two supervisors had each previously provided a letter to the counties indicating their desire for the position. Supervisor Liz Archuleta nominated Lenore Stuart, Yuma County, as the CSA NACo Board of Directors representative. She provided background information on Supervisor Stuart's qualifications and involvement with NACo. Supervisor Carol Springer, Yavapai County, seconded the motion. Supervisor Don Stapley nominated David Tenney, Navajo County, as the CSA NACo Board of Directors representative. He also provided Supervisor Tenney's qualifications and involvement with NACo. Supervisor Richard Lunt, Greenlee County, seconded the motion. Supervisor Manny Ruiz, Santa Cruz County, moved to close the nomination process. Supervisor Tom White, Apache County, seconded the motion and the motion passed. The ballot slips were collected and taken outside the room to be counted by two staff. Those supervisors attending telephonically were requested to send in their ballot vote by e-mail to be counted during the process.

The board meeting continued while the ballots were being counted. After the county caucus reports, President Palmer reported that the votes tallied indicated Supervisor David Tenney was elected as the CSA NACo Board of Directors representative and he extended congratulations.

Nominations and Election for the NACo Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors Representative. Supervisor Richard Lunt nominated Mark Herrington to continue to serve as the CSA NACo WIR Board of Directors representative. He mentioned that Supervisor Herrington was very engaged in WIR, well respected, and very knowledgeable of the issues. Supervisor Pete Byers seconded the motion. Supervisor J. R. DeSpain moved to cease nominations. Supervisor Tom White seconded the motion. President Palmer relayed that Supervisor Herrington apologized for not being present. He noted that Supervisor Herrington was called by the WIR chairman to serve as vice chairman of WIR. Supervisor Fulton Brock moved for the board to nominate by acclamation Mark Herrington for the WIR board position. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed. National County Government Week, April 6-12, 2008 ~ County Reports. Supervisor Shirley Dawson said that Gila County

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has honored County Government Week for the last four years. Last year, they brought a group of high school students to visit CSA and the capitol. This year they held a county government appreciation day for county employees and held a free hamburger fry. They held a poster contest combining earth day and child abuse prevention month with National County Government Week, as the theme for NCGW was protecting our children. The winning team had used recycled newspaper. Supervisor Dawson also reported that Gila County had received the NACo Acts of Caring award for its Collaborative Community Fire Program, which is their bladder program for fire control they presented to the CSA board a few years back.

### **COUNTY CAUCUS REPORTS**

Supervisor Tom White reported that Apache County hosted the Small County Caucus dinner meeting last evening. It was well attended with Representatives Konopnicki, Alvarez, and Brown providing a legislative and budget report. Mr. Sullivan provided a legislative update and procedures for the NACo/WIR board representative positions. A roundtable discussed was also held. Supervisor Archuleta reported the Medium County Caucus met this morning. The focus was on the legislative update by Todd Madeksza and discussion of the budgetary impacts to medium counties. They also discussed the TIME Coalition. There was no Large County Caucus report.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

President Palmer reported that registration was now open for AACo's Mid-year Conference in Flagstaff. The CSA board meeting will be held in conjunction with the conference on Thursday, June 5, at 1:30 p.m. Supervisor DeSpain invited everyone to attend the conference at the new conference center in Flagstaff and noted that AACo's conference will be the first conference to be held there. He thanked Craig and Nicole for working out the dates together.

President Palmer congratulated Supervisor Russell McCloud for being chosen to participate in the County Leadership Institute. Supervisor David Brown provided an update on Brent Brown's condition. Ten days ago Brent Brown was diagnosed with a problem in the upper part of his lower intestines. Surgery a week ago found a cancerous growth; it was removed and he is recovering. He will have to undergo chemotherapy. President Palmer extended our prayers to Mr. Brown. Supervisor Wilcox reported that Maricopa County hosted the NACo Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) conference on April 7-9 at the Tempe Buttes. As one of the events, they toured the homeless campus. She said LUCC enjoyed Maricopa County and Arizona.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

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Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board