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New Supervisors Spotlight: Supervisor Jim Parks, Coconino County

With the county elections that occurred across Arizona in 2016, 18 new supervisors were elected to office. With the large number of new faces added to the roster of county supervisors, we would like to take the opportunity each week to introduce one of them, in alphabetical order by county, then district number.

Name: Supervisor Jim Parks

County: Coconino County

District: 4

Birthdate: October 11

Education: Supervisor Parks spent a couple of years studying at Northern Arizona University (NAU), then became a working cowboy, and later a ranch manager working on ranches all over Arizona during the next 38 years.



Family: Supervisor Parks' wife, Vickie, is retired from Coconino County and they have two daughters, four grandchildren, and one great-grand-child.

Civic organization involvement: As the grandson and great-grandson of ranchers and the son of a farmer, Supervisor Parks' life has always centered on ranching, farming, and agriculture. He served as past President of the Coconino County Farm Bureau and the Cattle Growers Association, he is a former Chairman of the Coconino Natural Resource Conservation Districts, and is a member of the Arizona Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Best piece of advice received: One quote that has influenced both his personal and professional life is from Mahatma Gandhi which states, "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win." Supervisor Parks explained that when he faces an obstacle or feels like the "lone voice" for rural citizens in his county, this quote helps to "smooth out the wrinkles of his soul" and helps him to remember the love he has for his community and the reasons why he became a county supervisor.

Favorite book: Though Supervisor Parks has enjoyed reading a wide variety of books over the years, he remembers fondly reading Charles Dickens as a young man, and in particular, David Copperfield.

Inspiration to run for county supervisor: After the retirement of former CSA President and Coconino County Supervisor, Mandy Metzger, Supervisor Parks felt that there was a real need for the Board of Supervisors to have someone representing and advocating for the farmers and ranchers of Coconino County and District 4. Supervisor Parks explained that Coconino County, being the largest county by area in Arizona, is comprised of mostly rural communities which face far different issues and problems compared to that of the citizens who live in more metropolitan cities like Flagstaff. For example, a rainstorm in the city might cause some inconveniences, but a rainstorm in rural areas can mean the difference between being able to get home or not. Supervisor Parks hopes to be a representative voice for rural areas, and serve his community the best way that he can.

Favorite place in Coconino County: Supervisor Parks was born in Phoenix, and other than the four years he served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, he has remained a lifelong resident of Arizona. Supervisor Parks stated that his home was his favorite place to be, but also enjoys visiting parts of the beautiful San Francisco Peaks.

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JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights January 2017

Monthly Fiscal Highlights for January 2017 were released last week by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) announcing monthly General Fund revenues of \$925.0 million, an increase of 3.4% over prior year. The growth was attributed to better than expected Individual Income Tax payments. Starting this month, JLBC will now compare actual revenues to their FY2018 Baseline Budget as opposed to the FY2017 enacted budget. Actual revenues were down \$(3.7) million for the month and down (0.8)% year-to-date (YTD). Total YTD General Fund revenue collections are now \$5.48 billion. JLBC attributed most of the loss for the month on corporate income tax and Insurance Premium Tax declines year-over-year.

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) collections were again positive, with \$119.0 million generated in January, a 3.8% increase compared to January 2016. YTD collections are up 4.1% over prior year.

January General Fund spending totaled \$756.1 million with YTD spending of \$6.3 billion. This represents a \$172.0 million increase compared with January 2016 and an \$(89.2) million YTD decrease from FY2016.

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Session Snapshot

Today marks the 47th day of the 53rd Legislative Session. The final bill count is 1,055 bills and 100 memorials/resolutions.

Since last week was the final week for bills to be considered in the chamber of origin, this week was considered the crossover week when few committees met while each chamber took to the floor to vote out a large number of their bills. The House went into the late evening hours on Thursday, to vote out multiple bills on Committee of the Whole (COW) and Third Read Calendars. Bills have just one month from today to be heard in the opposite chamber.

As always, our staff will continue to analyze and monitor each bill as it moves through the process and we will determine if it has an impact on our counties.

For more information on legislative deadlines, please [click here](#).

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CSA Legislative Update

CSA's legislative agenda continues to progress through the legislative process. Please see below for a list of our bills:

- 1) [HB 2065 waste tire disposal; continuation](#) (*Coleman*), passed the House 59-0; Referred to Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water.
- 2) [HB 2230 intergovernmental public transportation authority; taxation](#) (*Shooter*), passed House Transportation & Infrastructure, 8-0; also referred to House Ways & Means.
- 3) [HB 2258 county contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal](#) (*Thorpe*), passed House 59-1; ready for Senate.
- 4) [HB 2332 property tax valuation appeals](#) (*Campbell*), passed House Ways & Means 6-2, awaiting Rules.
- 5) [HCR 2011 motor vehicle fuel taxes](#) (*Campbell*), passed House Transportation & Infrastructure 7-1; also referred to House Ways & Means.
- 6) [SB 1406 contributions; committed youth; repeal; committee](#) (*Fann*) passed Senate 30-0; assigned to House Rules.

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Presidential Fun Facts

In honor of this past Monday's celebration of Washington's Day (more commonly known as President's Day), here are a few fun facts about some of our former presidents that you may not have known.



Did you know...

- The City of Phoenix has 18 streets named after presidents. They start with Washington, and continue in order of presidency (with a few exceptions).
- Theodore Roosevelt wore a ring with a lock of Lincoln's hair in it during his second inauguration on March 14, 1905. Roosevelt had been a long-time admirer of Lincoln, and was given the token by John Hay who worked for Lincoln in the White House.
- No president has ever been an only child.
- Former Presidents Barack Obama, Jimmy Carter, and Bill Clinton have all won Grammy awards for *Best Spoken Word Album*. Both Obama and Clinton have won twice.
- Abraham Lincoln is the only U.S. president who was also a licensed bartender. He was co-owner of Berry and Lincoln, a saloon in Springfield, Illinois prior to becoming president.
- Three presidents died on July 4th: Thomas Jefferson (1826), John Adams (1826), and James Monroe (1831). Calvin Coolidge is the only president to have been born on the Fourth (1872).

For more information on these and other interesting presidential facts, visit [here](#) and [here](#).

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The [House Banking and Insurance Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 27, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The [House Education Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 27, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The [Senate Commerce & Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 27, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [Senate Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee](#) will meet on Monday, February 27, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 28, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4.
- The [House Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 28, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 14, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [Senate Transportation & Technology Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, February 28, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Local & International Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 1, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The [Senate Finance Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 1, at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Ways & Means Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 1, at 10:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.

- The [House Judiciary & Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4.
- The [House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [Senate Government Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, March 2, at 10:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 3.

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