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## County Managers Meeting Update



During the March County Managers Meeting at CSA, Karl Heckart, Chief Information Officer at the Arizona Office of the Courts briefed managers on the Commission on Technology's recommendation to increase fees paid by counties on all court devices by 2.5 percent or about \$19 per device per year. Mr. Heckart said current revenues fall short of the courts 5-year funding needs, he noted some of the increased costs are driven by a planned statewide computer refresh, expanding e-filings and working on increasing bandwidth. Managers expressed their concern for the increased costs and discussed the need to have conversations focused on finding potential cost savings that have not been considered, for example by streamlining systems and services within the courts.

Staff provided an update on the 2020 U.S. Census and Redistricting, NACo, and a legislative update.

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## Presentations in the House Judiciary Committee

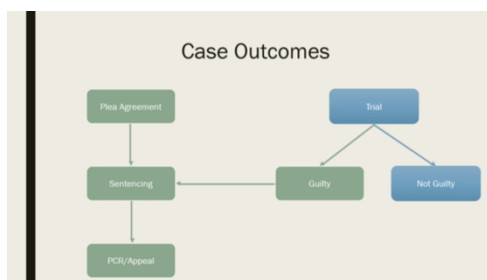
This week in the House Judiciary Committee, Attorney Supervisors Lina Garcia and David Hintze with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office spoke to the committee about the criminal justice system and the office's process for working a case. Currently, there are more than 210 attorneys and over 220 support staff in the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office providing legal representation in over 35,000 cases.

Mr. Hintze said they start with an initial client meeting, work on getting access to police reports and then review all information received to determine if it is necessary to conduct an independent investigation. The Maricopa County Public Defender's Office also evaluates all potential avenues for the case including mitigation, plea offers, dismissal requests, deviation requests, settlement conferences, settling instead of a trial, and post-conviction.

The Honorable Ron Reinstein a retired Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona after 22 years on the bench also discussed the criminal process and outlined the overall involvement of judges in the process. Mr. Reinstein discussed the various stages of the criminal process from the initiation of the crime through sentencing.

To view both of the presentations in the House Judiciary Committee this week, please [click here](#).

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## Mobile App Launch: TestIT



The National Association of Counties (NACo) has partnered with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) to develop TestIT. TestIT is a mobile app that will allow NACo and their partners to analyze connectivity data across the county from the apps users. TestIT users are able to press a button on the application that will test their internet speed and compare their internet speed to the national average and minimum standards that were established by the Federal Communication System.

Using snapshots of data from the TestIT application, NACo and their partners will be able to identify areas where broadband service is overstated or underfunded through comparing the data collected to the National Broadband Map. The application does not collect any personal information. County supervisors and professional staff are encouraged to download and use the TestIT application to help ensure Arizona data is included in the project.

To view more information on the TestIT App, please click [here](#).

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## 2019 Reception and Care Center Exercise



This week the Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management, the Management, and the Palo Verde Generating Station held the 2019 Reception and Care Center Exercise (RCC) at Wickenburg High School. The RCC evaluates the ability to evacuate and provide services to individuals who live near the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. Volunteers participated by acting as evacuees, testing the radiological monitoring, simulated decontamination, and evacuee registration processes. Various agencies and organizations such as the American Red Cross, Arizona Department of Economic Security, and the Maricopa County Department of Public Safety participated in the exercise.



To learn more about the Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management Reception & Care Centers, please click [here](#).

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## Legislative Session Snapshot

The 54th Legislature, First Regular Session marks its 61<sup>st</sup> day of the legislative session today. There have 1289 bills, 96 memorials/resolutions introduced this session and 7 bills signed.

Bills that have made it through their house of origin have begun to receive hearings in the opposite chamber and have until March 29<sup>th</sup> to be heard.

To view more important dates for the legislative session, please click on the following links:

- [Senate deadlines](#)
- [House deadlines](#)

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## CSA Legislative Update

The status of CSA's legislative agenda package is as follows:

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities
  - [SB 1140 county contributions; committed youth; repeal](#) (*Leach*), passed House Appropriations on March 6<sup>th</sup> with a 10-0 vote.
  - [HB 2429 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Thorpe*), passed out of House COW on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - [SB 1293 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Gowan*), will be heard in the House Government Committee on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 am. Also assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.
- 2) [HB 2467 NOW; west basin water users; committee](#) (*Cobb*), passed out of the House on Monday with a vote of 53 ayes and 7 nays and was assigned to the Senate Water and Agriculture Committee.
- 3) [HB 2316 junk vehicles; removal; counties](#) (*Campbell*), held pending committee assignment.
- 4) [HB 2277 indigent defense funds](#) (*Biasiucci*), did not receive a hearing in House Appropriations, leaving the discussion to ultimately be had as part of the budget negotiations.
- 5) [HB 2702 TPT; marketplace facilitators; nexus](#) (*Toma*), pending a hearing in the House Rules Committee.
- 6) [SB 1084 funeral; last illness; expenses; lien](#) (*Borrelli*), assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

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## Next Week: Committee Agendas

### Monday

- The [House Education Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Government Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

### Tuesday

- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Elections Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Education Committee](#) will not meet

### Wednesday

- The [House Judiciary Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Technology Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Ways & Means Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Health and Human Services Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [House Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Federal Relations Committee](#) will not meet
- The [House State & International Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Transportation Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Finance Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109

### Thursday

- The House Health & Human Services Committee meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Government Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Land & Agriculture Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 3
- The Senate Commerce Committee meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The Senate Water and Agriculture Committee meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 3

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## NACo Webinar: Substance Abuse Interventions for Justice-Involved Individuals

NACo will be hosting a three-part webinar series on "Substance Abuse Interventions for Justice-Involved Individuals." The first part of the series will focus on strategies for county leaders to use during interactions with law enforcement, in jail, and upon reentry. In addition, this webinar will focus on strategies that county law enforcement agencies can use in order to address the needs of individuals with substance use disorders who are involved in the justice system.

The first webinar focused on Law Enforcement Strategies is scheduled for Thursday, March 28 at 11:00 PM Mountain Standard Time. To register for the first webinar of the series, please click [here](#).

To view the second series of the webinar on Jail-Focused Strategies, please click [here](#). To view the third series of the webinar focused on Reentry and Community Services please click [here](#).

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