

CSA Weekly Update

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Apache County Selects Ryan Patterson as County Manager

The Apache County Board of Supervisors officially hired Ryan Patterson as the new Apache County Manager last week. This decision occurred after a special Apache County Board of Supervisors meeting was held and interviews were conducted during an executive session. After the interviews were complete and the Apache County Board deliberated, Supervisor Joe Shirley, Jr. made a motion to officially hire Mr. Patterson as the Apache County Manager. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Doyel Shamley. Chairman Alton J. Shepherd called for the vote, and it was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson has served as the Apache County Finance Director for 11 years and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Most recently he served as the interim Apache County Manager. Mr. Patterson received his bachelor's degree in Accounting from Arizona State University and holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA).



CSA extends our congratulations!

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Finance Directors meet at GFOAz

On Tuesday, the County Finance Officers Organization (CFOO) held their first 2018 gathering at the Government Finance Officers of Arizona (GFOAz) Winter Meeting. Finance directors and staff from throughout the state congregated to discuss the Arizona State budget and exchange information.

The group, chaired by Paige Peterson from Navajo County, received a legislative update from CSA staff before moving onto a discussion about expenditure limit reporting and guidance from the Auditor General on HURF expenditures. There was also time on the agenda devoted to the State's obligation for judge salaries as well as the utility of an annual debt report made to the State Treasurer. The next meeting will be held May 31 at CSA and will be hosted by Coconino County.



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JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) released their Monthly Fiscal Highlights for January 2018 with General Fund revenues of \$1.08 billion, an increase of 16.3 percent over January 2017 figures. JLBC attributed most of this difference to an \$86.7 million surplus in expected individual income tax payments likely due to capital gains from stock market growth and profitability of pass-through businesses. Year-to-date (YTD) General Fund revenue is \$247.4 million above budget forecast, a 4.1 percent surplus.

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) collections of \$121.1 million in January are 1.8 percent higher than January 2017 and match the January forecast. YTD collections are up 3.5 percent over last year but down (0.5) percent against forecast.

January General Fund spending totaled \$786.6 million with YTD spending of \$6.6 billion. This represents a \$22.6 million increase from January 2017 and a \$308.8 million YTD decrease from fiscal year 2017. Most of this increase comes from a \$90.3 million increase in school construction compared to the year prior.

The State's Budget Stabilization Fund (or Rainy Day Fund) has a current balance of \$455.7 million.

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Legislative Session Snapshot

The 53rd Legislature, Second Regular Session marks its 47th day of the legislative session today. A total of 1,165 bills and 115 memorials/resolutions have been introduced.

Some upcoming legislative deadlines are as follows:

- Friday, March 23 is the last day for House consideration of Senate bills and Senate consideration of House bills
- Friday, April 13 is the final day for conference committees.

To view all of the deadlines, please click on the following links:

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CSA Legislative Update

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

- 1) <u>HB 2190 county improvement districts; repayment agreements</u> (*Mitchell*)- Passed the House 57-0, transmitted to the Senate. Referred to Senate Natural Resources Energy & Water Committee.
- 2) <u>HB 2274 county contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal</u> (*Thorpe*) –Passed the House 58-0, transmitted to the Senate.
- 3) <u>HB 2413 public road maintenance; primitive designation</u> (*Cook*)- Passed the House 58-0, transmitted to the Senate. On Senate Government Committee agenda Wednesday, February 28, at 2:00p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- 4) HB 2415 juvenile dependency proceedings fund (Cobb) -Passed the House 51-7, transmitted to the Senate.
- 5) <u>HB 2439 county contributions: committee youth: repeal</u> (*Thorpe*) –Passed the House 55-3, transmitted to the Senate.
- 6) SB 1038 state land payments; payment method (*Griffin*)-Passed the Senate 30-0, transmitted to the House. On House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee agenda Thursday, March 1, at 10:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- 7) SB 1113 zoning violations; notice; service (Fann)-Passed the Senate 23-5, transmitted to the House. On House Local & International Affairs Committee agenda Wednesday, February 28, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- 8) SB 1410 transient lodging tax; rural counties (Borrelli)- Referred to Senate Finance.

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NACo Webinar: Stepping Up-Reducing the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails

On March 15, 2018, from 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled, Stepping Up: Communicating About Your Efforts to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails.

More than 420 counties have joined the national Stepping Up initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in their jails. Although counties have made progress toward addressing this issue, many still struggle with how to effectively communicate about their work with the public and the media. During this webinar, county leaders will learn from national experts and their peers about strategies for engaging the public



and media around Stepping Up efforts, including key messaging points and how to engage individuals with mental illnesses and their families to gain support for these efforts. Participants will also hear an update about the national Stepping Up Day of Action and how to get involved in hosting their own local events.

To register for the webinar, please click here.

Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The full schedule for the Joint Appropriations Committee Budget Hearing and House Appropriation Subcommittee meetings can be found here.
- The <u>Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee</u> will meet on Monday, February 26th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The <u>House Banking and Insurance Committee</u> will meet on Monday, February 26th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The <u>House Military, Veterans and Regulatory Affairs Committee</u> will meet on Monday, February 26th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The <u>House Education Committee</u> will meet on Monday, February 26th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room
- The <u>Senate Appropriations Committee</u> will meet on Tuesday, February 27th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The <u>Senate Transportation and Technology Committee</u> will meet on Tuesday, February 27th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Welfare will not meet on Tuesday, February 27th.
- The <u>House Commerce Committee</u> will meet on Tuesday, February 27th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The <u>House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee</u> will meet on Tuesday, February 27th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The <u>House on Federalism, Property Rights and Public Policy</u> will meet on Tuesday, February 27th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4.
- The <u>Senate Finance Committee</u> will meet on Wednesday, February 28th, at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The <u>House Local and International Affairs Committee</u> will meet on Wednesday, February 28th, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education will not meet on Wednesday, February 28th.
- The House Ways and Means Committee will not meet on Wednesday, February 28th.
- The <u>House Appropriations Committee</u> will meet on Wednesday, February 28th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The <u>Senate Government Committee</u> will meet on Wednesday, February 28th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The <u>Senate Health and Human Services Committee</u> will meet on Wednesday, February 28th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The <u>House Judiciary and Public Safety Committee</u> will meet on Wednesday, February 28th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4.
- The <u>House Transportation and Infrastructure</u> will meet on Wednesday, February 28th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The <u>Senate Judiciary Committee</u> will meet on Thursday, March 1st, at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The <u>House Government Committee</u> will meet on Thursday, March 1st, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The House Health Committee will meet on Thursday, March 1st, at 10:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 4.
- The <u>House Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Safety, Infrastructure and Resources</u> will not meet on Thursday, March 1st.

• The <u>House Committee on Land, Agriculture and Rural Affairs</u> will meet on Thursday, March 1st, at 10:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 3.

To view the most up to date committee agendas, please <u>click here</u>.

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