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Honoring Outgoing County Supervisors

CSA said a grateful goodbye at the December Board of County Supervisors meeting to county supervisors leaving office this year. Eighteen county supervisors, who have spent years serving their constituents and strongly supporting CSA, are now moving on. CSA President Tommie Cline Martin shared her gratitude for the strong dedication to public service exhibited by the outgoing honorees.

The CSA Board of Directors and staff would like to thank the following supervisors for their leadership, friendship and distinguished service:

- **Tom White Junior**, Apache County
- **Barry Weller**, Apache County
- **Richard Searle**, Cochise County
- **Mandy Metzger**, Coconino County
- **Mike Pastor**, Gila County
- **John Marcanti**, Gila County
- **Drew John**, Graham County
- **Robert Corbell**, Greenlee County
- **King Clapperton**, La Paz County
- **Andy Kunasek**, Maricopa County
- **Robert Black Jr.**, Navajo County
- **Ray Carroll**, Pima County
- **Cheryl Chase**, Pinal County
- **John Maynard**, Santa Cruz County
- **Chip Davis**, Yavapai County
- **Lenore Stuart**, Yuma County
- **Russ Clark**, Yuma County
- **Greg Ferguson**, Yuma County



We wish all of these supervisors the best of luck in their future endeavors.

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Chief Justice Bales Presents to Board of Directors

On December 15, the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, Scott Bales, addressed the County Supervisors Association Board of Directors, during their monthly meeting. Chief



Justice Bales, who was appointed to the court by Governor Janet Napolitano in 2008, talked about a number of topics of interest to county leaders. He discussed the Fair Justice for All Task Force, juvenile justice and justice reform.

The Fair Justice for All Task Force aims to set fines and penalties to mitigate the impact for individuals who are encountering economic hardships to ensure that they are not unduly harmed by penalties or hindered in their employment. The Chief Justice also talked about security at the courts and acknowledged that security measures could be costly, especially for smaller counties.

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Status of the Arizona State Budget

On Thursday, Richard Stavneak, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee Director, briefed the Board of Directors regarding the current status of the Arizona State Budget.

Mr. Stavneak highlighted that the 2018 cash balance is \$101 million, but the structural balance is only \$24 million. He shared that these numbers are expected to shift by January, however JLBC doesn't anticipate any significant changes. Currently there is \$460 million in the rainy day fund, with a projected cash reserve of \$560 million.

Additionally, Mr. Stavneak discussed some ongoing challenges to the state, including pending litigation, the decision to continue one time funding (or not), and new initiatives despite limited resources.



The legislative session will convene on January 9, 2017 and Governor Ducey is expected to release his budget by the end of that week.

To view the JLBC State Budget summary, please [click here](#).

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CSA Congratulates Justin West on Completion of Fall Internship



At Thursday's CSA Board of Directors meeting, CSA President and Gila County Supervisor Tommie Cline Martin recognized Justin West, on behalf of the association, for completing his service with CSA's Arizona Public Service (APS) Local Government Internship Program.

Craig Sullivan, CSA's Executive Director said, "During his time with CSA, Justin has been an outstanding part of our team and has performed a substantial amount of data collection and analysis that will benefit policy makers in Arizona's counties. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors."

CSA offers this internship program in partnership with APS to give students exposure to the significance of public service.

Justin would like to thank APS, CSA, and Arizona State University for implementing this great program.

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This Week in Arizona History...

On December 17, 1923, figures showed that Arizona led the nation in effectiveness of prohibition enforcement. Convictions were estimated at 97 percent. Ten years later, Prohibition officially ended on December 5, 1933 with the ratification of the Twenty-first Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



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Interim Committee Agendas

- [The Surface Transportation Funding Task Force](#) will meet on Wednesday, December 21, at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.

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