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Supervisor Tommie Martin Attends NACo State Association Forum

CSA President, Gila County Supervisor Tommie Cline Martin and Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) President, Maricopa County Assessor Paul Petersen represented Arizona at a national meeting of state association presidents held this week in Washington, D.C.

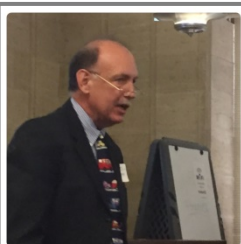
The forum was designed to facilitate dialogue among the state associations regarding member services and effective state and federal advocacy.

NACo leadership and staff were on hand to report on several NACo initiatives and to provide insight into the priority issues for the new administration and Congress, as well as county-related matters currently before the U.S Supreme Court.

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CSA & AACo Present to the Arizona Legislative Academy



On Thursday, Navajo County Attorney Brad Carlyon and Navajo County Manager James Jayne presented to the Arizona Legislative Academy, on behalf of CSA and the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo). This forum and workshop was hosted by the Arizona State University College of Public Service & Community Solutions served to educate the freshman class of Arizona legislators of the 53rd legislature.

The presentation given by Mr. Carlyon and Mr. Jayne covered the history of counties in Arizona, the current structure and role of county government, the services counties provide, how counties are funded and challenges they face. During the presentation new legislators from across the state engaged Mr. Carlyon and Mr. Jayne in discussions regarding emergency fire and flood management, public lands issues, transportation and criminal justice issues.

Thank you to the Director of the Arizona Legislative Academy, Mr. Andy Tobin, for inviting CSA and AACo to participate in this program.

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Surface Transportation Funding Task Force Releases Final Report

This past weekend, the Surface Transportation Funding Task Force (Task Force) completed their work with the release of their final recommendations after meeting for several months over the interim.

The Task Force made numerous recommendations that would provide for dedicated funding for principal interstate highways, dedicated funding for HURF, and dedicated funding for highway patrol. The various recommendations included an increase and index motor fuel and use fuel tax to produce \$10 billion over 20 years; an additional annual registration fee on alternative-fuel vehicles; an increase in license, registration and other fees; an increase in the Vehicle License Tax (VLT) at a rate sufficient to meet the projected annual budget for highway patrol.

Senate Bill 1490, sponsored by Senator Worsley, established a 9-member Task Force to review transportation needs and revenue sources in Arizona and recommend specific revenue proposals for dedicated funding sources for specified transportation-related items.

The Task Force was required to cooperate with the Department of Administration to conduct a statewide study to identify vacant or underused buildings owned by the state that could be sold to provide funding for transportation projects. Additionally, they are required to issue progress reports every three months to the Governor and the Legislature and to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2016. The Task Force met every two weeks CSA participated, offering a county perspective.

Committee members included: Alan Maguire; Jim Rounds (Rounds Consulting); Kevin McCarthy (ATRA), Mary Peters (Mary Peters Consulting Group); Grant Nulle (Arizona Department of Revenue); Julie Pastrick (Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce); John Ragan (AZ Chamber of Commerce and Industry); Michael Tully; David Williams.

The full report is rather lengthy; however, it may be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

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The 2017 Legislative Session Begins Monday

The 53rd Arizona State Legislature will convene on Monday, January 9, 2017 with Governor Ducey delivering his third state of the state address before a joint session of the House and Senate.

While session technically does not start until Monday, so far 70 bills and five memorials/resolutions have been introduced. This number will increase exponentially as the legislature has not introduced fewer than 900 bills since 1993. In 2016, 1,247 bills were introduced, an increase from the 1,163 bills that were introduced in the 2015 legislative session.



To view important dates for the upcoming legislative session, please [click here](#).

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Effective Engagement with State Lawmakers Webinar

On Friday morning, CSA's Senior Legislative Liaisons, Kristin Cipolla and Daniel Romm, presented a webinar to the CSA's Board of Directors to discuss *Active & Effective Engagement with State Lawmakers*.

The discussion with county supervisors and professional staff addressed a variety of issues, including:

- Arizona State Legislature & Leadership
- How a bill becomes a law
- CSA member engagement



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Monthly JLBC Fiscal Highlights

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) produced their Monthly Fiscal Highlights for November 2016 with General Fund revenues of \$670.6 million, a decrease of (8.0)% over October 2015 figures. JLBC attributed most of

this difference to a \$58.4 million reduction in one-time fund transfers. Year-to-date (YTD) General Fund revenue is \$65.5 million above budget forecast, a 1.8% surplus. \$45.9 million in excess Individual Income Tax (up 2.7% YTD) collections continue to make up for a \$(23.9) million decline in Corporate Income Tax numbers (down (15.5)% YTD).

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) collections of \$110.8 million in November are 2.3% higher than November 2015 and \$1.6 million above November forecast. YTD collections are up 4.0% over last year.

November General Fund spending totaled \$564.8 million with YTD spending of \$4.9 billion. This represents an \$(18.3) million decline from November 2015 and a \$(298.2) million YTD decrease from fiscal year 2016. As noted last month, most of this perceived decline comes from (1) the fact that AHCCCS now administers the state's Medicaid Behavioral Health program eliminating the need for a \$(449.3) million transfer to the Department of Health Services and (2) a technical timing issue relating to the Universities' rollover repayment made in July of FY 2016.

The State's Budget Stabilization Fund (or Rainy Day Fund) has a current balance of \$451.9 million.

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This Week in Arizona History...

On January 3, 1878, mountaineer and frontiersman William Sherley "Old Bill" Williams was born. Williams led several expeditions in the west for the federal government and served as an interpreter, speaking several Native American languages.

The City of Williams and the Bill Williams River are all named after him. Additionally, an 8 foot tall bronze sculpture of "Old Bill" can be found in Williams Monument Park in Coconino County.



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Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The [House Banking and Insurance Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 10th, at 10:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The [House Military, Veterans, & Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 10th, at 10:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [House Appropriations – Health & Welfare Sub Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 10th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 10th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4.
- The [House Energy, Environment, & Natural Resources Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 10th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [House Transportation & Infrastructure and Senate Transportation & Technology Committees](#) will have a joint meeting on Tuesday, January 10th, at 2:15 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [House Ways & Means Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 11th, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Appropriations – Education Sub Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 11th, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 4.
- The [House Local and International Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 11th, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The [Senate Finance Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 11th, at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [Senate Government Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 11th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.

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