

Arizona County Clerks Association (ACCA)
1999 Summer Retreat
Pinetop, AZ
September 24 – 26, 1999

Counties Represented:

Coconino	Anna Horton
Gila	Marian Sheppard & Theresa Ortega
LaPaz	Donna Hale
Maricopa	Fran McCarroll
Navajo	Judy Jones
Pima	Lori Godoshian & Robin Brigode
Pinal	Sheri Cluff & Karen Stewart

Welcome

Supervisor Larry Vicario welcomed the Association to Navajo County. He explained that although they are currently experiencing one of the wettest seasons ever recorded, they had earlier had a very dry period with high fire danger. The county even printed a generic evacuation or escape plan for residents. It was designed so that volunteers could move or reposition the evacuation signs and arrows. Mr. Vicario complemented the Clerks on their contributions to the counties by fulfilling various roles. He made special note of the varied skills and abilities of Judy Jones, Navajo County Clerk, for her ability to handle so many tasks.

Motion was made by Donna Hale, seconded by Lori Godoshian and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 16, 1999 meeting with corrections as noted.

Cheri Cluff presented the Treasurer's report:

Previous balance:	\$3,914.79
Recent deposits:	<u>\$1,850.00</u>
Current total:	\$5,764.79

Expenses:

SW Leadership deposit	<\$50.00>
SW Conference registration	<\$550.00>

Other Estimated Expenses:

Reimbursement for food	<\$225.00>
Dinner expenses	<\$250.00>
Lodging	<\$450.00>
Alt. Lodging cancellation	<\$185.00>

Motion was made by Fran McCarroll, seconded by Marian Shepherd and unanimously carried to pay the lodging cancellation expenses and extra cabin expenses from the general fund, and accept the Treasurer's report. Sheri Cluff will update the Treasurer's report with actual expenses at the next meeting.

The counties represented gave a brief update of happenings in their counties. **Donna Hale, LaPaz**, reported on the Southwest Leadership Conference. She thanked the Association for their scholarship which funded her registration. She also reported that other scholarships are available through APS. She explained that the program included presentations involving:

- Recognizing your personality traits
- Recognizing your strengths in order to contribute to others
- How to motivate your staff to move together as a team
- The ethics of government
- Contracting for government services

Donna highly recommends the program and encourages others to attend.

Donna also mentioned that there is a new casino in the county which is expected to be very beneficial to business and revenue. She is currently handling a recall effort on a water district board.

Yavapai County, although not present, sent a report with the following information:

- They have a new supervisor in district 2
- There will be a ballot question on the November ballot asking for approval to increase the number of supervisors from 3 to 5.
- There is a petition drive for the incorporation of Paulden, however, it faces a challenge on the population issue.
- There will also be a referendum on the ballot regarding radio towers.
- The Clerk's office has added a Special Districts coordinator.

Santa Cruz County, also reporting via an email, informed the group that there is a current issue regarding a rezoning request related to the Nogales Airport. This issue seems to be causing a referendum. Melinda Meeks, Clerk of Santa Cruz County is expecting a baby in November. She also reported that their publication costs were \$14,600 for the past fiscal year.

Cochise County, reporting via email, explained that Ina Windrich from the ASU program would not be available for the requested presentation for the Association. Nadine Parkhurst also stated that it was difficult to fill some current job openings in the Clerk's office

Apache County submitted their report in the form of a newsletter article. Nita explained that the sparse population made the election process difficult. A current RFP for electronic voting machines will be very beneficial to the county. There is

also a new supervisor in Apache County and a new and improved retirement package for county employees.

Maricopa County is planning for a new jail facility after the successful passage of a jail tax on the last ballot. Other current projects and issues include assistance to a Fire District with multiple problems with board members, the move to purchasing via a purchasing card, co-location efforts for Justice of the Peace courts, and the development of an Open Space plan involving a trail system for the entire county.

Pinal County has a new Public Information Officer. There is a major project plan entitled, Picacho Reservoir, which is a water sports and recreation area. A Planning and Zoning Commissioner is missing. A Planning and Zoning referendum was filed which involved a large public hearing. The Board may consider rezoning.

Pima County has recently encountered an issue involving the co-mingling of funds with a school district. They are moving forward with their Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. President Clinton recently visited Pima County. Financial conservation issues have mandated the discontinuance of all out-of-state travel for employees. There is a regular meeting among the county clerk and the city clerks.

Gila County has a new Juvenile Detention Center under construction and they have renovated another building for the Probation Department. In addition they are consolidating several programs into a one-stop shop concept. These functions will all come together in one building which will save on multiple leases in various locations. They have a purchasing/procurement card program. Additionally, Gila has instituted a new Employee and Family Wellness Program.

Coconino County has just started a Court House renovation program and a new Juvenile Detention Center. Their new jail was started last year. They are dealing with some co-location issues between the city and the county. There are also plans for a new general services building. The County Recorder has just gone to an optical imaging system. There is a current project to put all of the minutes on this optical system. Steve Peru is currently the Deputy County Manager/Clerk of the Board with an additional assignment of Interim Finance Director. He also has oversight of central services and construction projects. They plan to hire 2 new staff members in the Clerk's office. Coconino is also working on a county-wide trails system.

Navajo County has Juvenile Detention and Jail Expansion programs. Sandal Richard (right-hand to Judy Jones) recently moved to New Mexico. Judy is currently training 2 new staff members. Other issues in Navajo County include, the Forest Health issue (environmental), Reservation issues involving the Tri-State members, and High Growth and Low Growth districts.

Dean Wolcott, Deputy County Attorney, Maricopa County, presented a legislative review of selected bills from the most recent legislative session including the following:

HB 2586, Chapter 342, Legislative vacancies
SB 1348, Chapter 25, County Highway Bonds
HB 2180, Chapter 202, Transportation revenues
SB 1349, Chapter 34, County Procurement Code/Bid Limit
HB 2100, Chapter 224, Candidate petition Filing
SB 1192, Chapter 237, Firearms Lawsuit Prohibition
HB 2579, Chapter 258, Agriculture Preservation Districts
SB 1178, Chapter 236, Election Precinct Lines; Counties
HB 2404, Chapter 154, Property Near Airports; Disclosure
HB 2322, Chapter 271, County Officers; Salaries
SB 1059, Chapter 235, Fraternal Society Tax Exemption

Following this presentation there was discussion on topics which were submitted for Round Table Discussion. Several Clerks brought handouts which were distributed.

The 2000 Summer Retreat is scheduled for August 24, 25 and 26 in Pinetop.

Several Clerks will check on locations for the Winter Retreat for either January 13-15 or January 27-29.

The County Managers want the Clerks Association to meet with them to explain our proposed legislation. They have meeting scheduled November 5 & 6, and December 9 & 10. Judy will communicate with them about coordinating a meeting.

It was suggested that a "Legislative Day" be scheduled for the end of February or the beginning of March in order for the Clerks to visit the legislature while they are in session. Fran will try to coordinate this event.

Minutes respectfully submitted as corrected/amended 11/19/99.

Fran McCarroll, Vice President/Secretary