



YAVAPAI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. 1892

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF YAVAPAI COUNTY REGARDING 2015 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, actions by State Government during the “Great Recession” impacted Yavapai County by more than \$14.7 million since 2008, and

WHEREAS, these actions have resulted in over \$6.1 million in diverted road maintenance funds, \$2.6 million in lost revenue, \$1.5 million in state mandated contributions, and \$4.4 million in program shifts such as increasing the county share of Justices of the Peace salaries and requiring counties to cover a portion of the cost of treatment for Sexually Violent Persons at the Arizona State Hospital, and

WHEREAS, these cost shifts caused significant financial distress for Yavapai County, which is already reeling from the negative financial effect of the recession and slow recovery, and

WHEREAS, Yavapai County also faces significant risk from the uncertain funding status of federal programs, including the Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools programs, and

WHEREAS, Yavapai County has neither the financial capacity to pay for additional state costs nor the statutory ability to control costs of state administered programs the county is required to fund, and

WHEREAS, Yavapai County’s financial conditions continue to be suppressed by an over 32 percent decrease in Net Assessed Value over the last five years, and

WHEREAS, Yavapai County greatly appreciates the recognition of these facts by state leaders and their recent efforts to incrementally address policies that divert county resources away from local services, including the partial restoration of local Highway User Revenue Funds, the \$550,000 appropriation representing the county share of lottery revenues, and the reduction in mandated payments to the Arizona State Hospital, and

WHEREAS, it is critical to Yavapai County that these incremental restorations be continued and improved upon in the FY15-16 budget, with the goal of reestablishing a sustainable financial model for the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County that the Arizona State Legislature is hereby implored to:

- Prevent additional shifts of state functions and administrative costs to the county level
- Eliminate county payments to the Arizona State Hospital for Sexually Violent Persons
- Reestablish payments to the counties reflecting the county share of state lottery revenues

- Fully fund local HURF dollars

Thereby providing Arizona counties with the financial stability necessary to continue providing mandated state services to local residents.

Approved and Adopted by the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of November 2014.

/s/ Rowle P. Simmons

Rowle P. Simmons, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Ana Wayman-Trujillo

Ana Wayman-Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND DETERMINED TO BE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF
PERFORMANCE OF DUTY OF THE YAVAPAI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

/s/ Jack Fields

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Deputy County Attorney