

## Stefanie Laputz

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**From:** Kevin Harrison  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2016 9:42 AM  
**To:** Stefanie Laputz  
**Subject:** Fwd: Arkansas Works Special/Fiscal Session

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Robert Clinard <[Robert.Clinard@bentoncountyar.gov](mailto:Robert.Clinard@bentoncountyar.gov)>  
**Date:** March 30, 2016 at 3:20:28 PM CDT  
**To:** Kevin Harrison <[Kevin.Harrison@bentoncountyar.gov](mailto:Kevin.Harrison@bentoncountyar.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Arkansas Works Special/Fiscal Session

Kevin

FYI

It has come to my attention that possibly two of our Benton County State Senators may not be on board with the Arkansas Works program. Read below how that "may" affect our county turn back funds in addition to losing potentially \$250M in federal Transportation Cost Sharing funds for the state. It takes 75% approval of state senators (27 of 35) and 9 senators are possibly no votes.

Judge C

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**From:** [all-owner@ARKANSASCOUNTYJUDGES.NET](mailto:all-owner@ARKANSASCOUNTYJUDGES.NET) [<mailto:all-owner@ARKANSASCOUNTYJUDGES.NET>]  
**On Behalf Of** Chris Villines  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 11:23 AM  
**To:** County Judges ([all@arkansascountyjudges.net](mailto:all@arkansascountyjudges.net)) <[all@arkansascountyjudges.net](mailto:all@arkansascountyjudges.net)>  
**Subject:** Arkansas Works Special/Fiscal Session  
**Importance:** High

Judges:

Last week the CJAA Executive Board met and discussed Governor Hutchinson's proposed Arkansas Works program, which would be a continuation of Medicaid expansion with modifications acceptable to the federal government. The executive board voted to support Governor Hutchinson's Arkansas Works program and to pass this on in letter form to the Governor.

This program, much like highway funding, is at the simplest level a federal matching program. By embarking on the private option expansion our state has been able to save enough money through this matching to offer tax cuts over the past two sessions.

County turnback, however, has been largely unaffected except for a 1% reduction in the 2015 regular session.

It is very important for you to note that should Arkansas Works not be adopted there will be a hole in the Arkansas budget of over \$110 million. As a result, **there is a very real potential that our counties could lose anywhere from 5% of your current turnback funds to possibly losing them in their entirety. THIS WOULD BE CRIPPLING TO SOME OF OUR COUNTIES.** There are strong indications that the 5-6% across the board cut would be the state’s reaction to replace the lost matching funds, others have said the city and county turnback money would be eliminated in entirety.

First of all, we all realize that Medicaid expansion can be a lightning rod subject. But this loss of revenue for your counties would equate to very real loss for our constituents. In order to alert the legislature to the potential negative impact we are asking each of you to look at the following numbers, which represent your net distribution of state turnback funds, and analyze the following:

What would you have to do in your county if you lost 5% of this annual flow of money beginning in July of 2016? Where would you likely cut?

What if you lost the annual flow of money entirely? What cuts would likely be made then?

In discussing this with one of your counterparts the other day, he mentioned those services that do not fall under ACA 14-14-802 would obviously be the first to go, things like veteran’s service officers or cooperative extension monies would likely be cut immediately. Others have indicated public safety might suffer the most.

First of all, please be expecting a carbon copy of the letter sent from the CJAA executive board to the Governor and Legislators – this should be coming out later today. And secondly, **PLEASE SEND US YOUR EXPECTED RESPONSE TO 5% or 100% CUTS TO ME AT [cvillines@arcounties.org](mailto:cvillines@arcounties.org)** so we can put this information together and educate our state officials to the expected ramifications of these cuts. In addition, your local hospital could be in a pinch if this should not pass. If you have a county owned hospital – information on their response would be useful as well.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call me at 501-249-2308 or Mark Whitmore at 501-372-7550.

| COUNTY           | 2016          |
|------------------|---------------|
| NAME             | DISTRIBUTION  |
| Arkansas County  | \$ 222,710.24 |
| Ashley County    | \$ 201,851.38 |
| Baxter County    | \$ 211,926.37 |
| Benton County    | \$ 203,863.89 |
| Boone County     | \$ 202,828.11 |
| Bradley County   | \$ 191,681.64 |
| Calhoun County   | \$ 182,224.57 |
| Carroll County   | \$ 209,073.38 |
| Chicot County    | \$ 188,951.86 |
| Clark County     | \$ 198,475.88 |
| Clay County      | \$ 190,323.48 |
| Cleburne County  | \$ 206,121.95 |
| Cleveland County | \$ 187,881.60 |

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| Columbia County     | \$ 180,347.90 |
| Conway County       | \$ 186,694.06 |
| Craighead County    | \$ 227,003.32 |
| Crawford County     | \$ 222,556.10 |
| Crittenden County   | \$ 127,871.14 |
| Cross County        | \$ 195,223.93 |
| Dallas County       | \$ 183,698.97 |
| Desha County        | \$ 186,240.67 |
| Drew County         | \$ 205,834.84 |
| Faulkner County     | \$ 259,756.75 |
| Franklin County     | \$ 191,554.53 |
| Fulton County       | \$ 194,100.35 |
| Garland County      | \$ 117,546.96 |
| Grant County        | \$ 185,617.02 |
| Greene County       | \$ 216,586.57 |
| Hempstead County    | \$ 197,912.97 |
| Hot Spring County   | \$ 202,458.43 |
| Howard County       | \$ 188,731.98 |
| Independence County | \$ 217,250.62 |
| Izard County        | \$ 205,571.30 |
| Jackson County      | \$ 194,432.35 |
| Jefferson County    | \$ 70,094.19  |
| Johnson County      | \$ 205,915.32 |
| Lafayette County    | \$ 188,579.16 |
| Lawrence County     | \$ 196,169.30 |
| Lee County          | \$ 185,236.40 |
| Lincoln County      | \$ 190,690.38 |
| Little River County | \$ 186,995.12 |
| Logan County        | \$ 193,179.65 |
| Lonoke County       | \$ 240,184.51 |
| Madison County      | \$ 185,789.24 |
| Marion County       | \$ 193,613.30 |
| Miller County       | \$ 170,465.47 |
| Mississippi County  | \$ 153,040.09 |
| Monroe County       | \$ 180,604.58 |
| Montgomery County   | \$ 180,998.46 |
| Nevada County       | \$ 186,025.89 |
| Newton County       | \$ 195,938.82 |
| Ouachita County     | \$ 179,387.73 |
| Perry County        | \$ 195,766.08 |
| Phillips County     | \$ 193,329.30 |
| Pike County         | \$ 191,936.42 |
| Poinsett County     | \$ 197,556.15 |
| Polk County         | \$ 166,980.92 |

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| Pope County        | \$ 238,681.08    |
| Prairie County     | \$ 183,555.32    |
| Randolph County    | \$ 198,589.98    |
| Saline County      | \$ 126,868.91    |
| Scott County       | \$ 193,034.12    |
| Searcy County      | \$ 198,340.14    |
| Sebastian County   | \$ 107,050.56    |
| Sevier County      | \$ 193,709.16    |
| Sharp County       | \$ 198,444.52    |
| St. Francis County | \$ 201,830.42    |
| Stone County       | \$ 201,984.17    |
| Union County       | \$ 152,908.55    |
| Van Buren County   | \$ 188,617.86    |
| Washington County  | \$ 278,902.62    |
| White County       | \$ 223,064.25    |
| Woodruff County    | \$ 183,846.32    |
| Yell County        | \$ 191,891.65    |
| TOTAL              | \$ 13,688,994.72 |
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