Cache County CONNECTION



FROM YOUR COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Counties are a unique form of government. In some ways, counties operate like cities, providing some municipal services, such as law enforcement, roads, and development services. But the core mission of counties is to provide services that other government agencies don't provide. Counties have been charged by the state to handle services related to private property records, and the taxation of those properties. Those functions are carried out by our elected surveyor, recorder, treasurer, clerk/auditor, and assessor, and are supported by several of our other departments.

The surveyor is responsible for maintaining survey monuments, which are used to measure where private property begins and ends. Those land records, such as deeds, are then recorded with the county recorder. The assessor then determines how much that land is worth. The auditor manages the financial records. And the Treasurer collects the taxes that are owed.

However, the treasurer doesn't just collect taxes that are owed to the county.

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A LOOK AT THE CACHE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

OCTOBER 2024

The duties of a County Treasurer may sound but our Cache boring, County Treasurer, Craig McAllister, plays a pivotal ensuring the role in county's financial health through efficient revenue collection, safeguarding public funds, and managing cash flow. His dedicated staff ensures that residents receive timely notifications and have multiple ways to pay



Craig McAllister, Cache County Treasurer

with a strong emphasis on early and online payments.

As an elected official, the county treasurer also represents all taxpayers of Cache County on legislative matters. This representation safeguards your interest with a full time invested individual.

COLLECTING REVENUE

The treasurer is responsible for collecting taxes, fees, and other forms of revenue for Cache County. This includes collecting real and personal property taxes, special assessments, and other forms of payment that contribute to the county's finances. The treasurer ensures these funds are accurately tracked and efficiently gathered.

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The treasurer also collects property taxes for all of the other government agencies in the county that levy property taxes. For example, the county treasurer collects property taxes that are levied by school districts, cities, and even special districts, such as mosquito abatement districts. So, when you get that tax bill with the Cache County return address on it, know that only a small portion of those taxes are going to Cache County. We collect most of those taxes on behalf of other agencies, and then distribute those dollars to each of them. It can be a complex process, but I'm thankful for the professionals who serve in those elected offices and how they diligently serve our citizens every day.

PAYMENT METHODS

Early payment of taxes is highly recommended. Online payments are the most efficient and reliable method, ensuring that payments are posted on time without the hassle of standing in line or risking a delayed postmark through mail. Residents also have the option to make payments throughout the year, but it is essential to note that payments made after the annual deadline will incur penalties and interest if paid after January 31st.

For those facing financial challenges, there are several tax relief options offered by the county and state. More information can be found on the official Cache County website at <u>www.cachecounty.gov</u>.

SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC FUNDS

A key duty of the treasurer is to safeguard the public funds of the county. This includes overseeing the secure handling and storage of the county's financial resources, ensuring that all monies collected are kept safe and accounted for according to legal standards.

MANAGING CASH FLOW AND INVESTMENTS

The treasurer actively manages the county's cash flow to ensure the county has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations. Additionally, any funds that are not immediately needed are carefully invested to generate additional revenue for the county. This involves making prudent financial decisions to maximize returns while safeguarding public money.

RECORDING AND ACCOUNTING

Accurate record-keeping is vital. The treasurer keeps detailed records of all money received and disbursed. These records are crucial for transparency and accountability and are used to prepare year-end financial reports for each city, town, school district, and for Cache County itself.



SENDING TAX NOTICES

The office of the treasurer sends out annual tax notices to property owners. Due to November 30th falling on a Saturday, this year property taxes are due on December 2nd. Tax notices will be mailed (or emailed if you have chosen to use this cheaper and more efficient delivery method) by the end of October.

DISBURSING FUNDS

The treasurer is also tasked with disbursing funds as authorized by law. This includes ensuring that payments for county expenses, and other financial obligations are made on time.





SAMPLE 2024 TAX NOTICE



2024 TREASURER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Craig McAllister who was recently selected as the 2024 Utah Association of Counties Treasurer of the year! This is a very prestigious honor and well-deserved. We are very well represented here in Cache County.

WHERE DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?

TAX AREA PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION: 027-LOGAN CITY



Depending on where you live in Cache County, the pie chart, located on your tax notice, shows how your tax dollars are distributed.





Cache County's Mission is "To Make life better for our residents."