

Cache County CONNECTION

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**FROM
YOUR
COUNTY
EXECUTIVE**

You may have heard that the Cache County Council is considering a property tax increase. Counties establish property tax rates as their primary funding source. That revenue is used for everything from running the Sheriff's office and jail, to paving and plowing roads. However, it has become harder for the county to provide those services due to the County's tax rate decreasing for the past 12 years in a row.

The County used to get about half of its revenue from property taxes, now it's only about a quarter. The tax rate is now about half of what it was 12 years ago. Looking back, it may have been more prudent to implement incremental increases between then and now, or at least to have not allowed the rate to drop 12 years in a row. Costs have still gone up during the past 12 years. The cost of everything from eggs to electricity has gone up an average of 40%.

The county has worked hard to continue serving the public during that time – keeping potholes filled, criminals off the streets, and feeding senior citizens. Increasing costs for county residents by way of a tax increase is hard for a lot of people, especially when some are on a fixed income, and all of them have also been affected by the worst inflation in our lifetime. The tax increase being considered will likely end up being about \$3 per month on the average household.

Please know that, before ever considering a tax increase, the county has looked for every way it can be more frugal. We've looked for places to cut our budget that won't negatively impact our ability to serve the community. For example, we postponed needed maintenance projects, backed off of filling positions, and the council asked every department to start making cuts to their budget a year ago. Those cuts were already implemented in the current year's budget.

The council has decided in recent years to forgo tax increases because they knew county residents had already been hit with high inflation and tax increases from other agencies. But increases in costs have resulted in the county living off of its savings for the past few years, instead of increasing revenue, and that's not sustainable.

A LOOK AT THE CACHE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE

The Cache County Recorder's Office records and maintains land record documents pertaining to the title of real property in Cache County. Their mission is to safeguard land title rights correctly and efficiently according to statutory requirements, normal industry practices and office policy.



*Tennille Johnson
Cache County Recorder*

RECORDER'S OFFICE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Recorder's Office recently completed the massive project of digitizing all documents held within their vault, making them accessible to the public through the CORE (Cache Online Records Express) program located at: <https://core.cachecounty.gov>

August of 2023 marked the launch of Property Watch, a free service provided by the Cache County Recorder's Office. Property Watch informs property owners, or those who have a valid interest in a property, about any document that gets recorded against the property. The program automatically sends an email notification to you the minute the Recorder's Office has processed the document and verified that it affects the property. You can sign up for Cache County Property Watch on the Cache County website at: cachecounty.gov/recorder/propertywatch



Cache County Recorder Office Vault



Cache County Recorder Office Staff

CACHE COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Cache County Information Technology Department strives to build and support high quality and highly available information systems and critical infrastructure to compliment, support and enhance the efforts of all Cache County departments and personnel as they deliver services to Cache County constituents. IT is a key partner within every Cache County department providing unifying guidance and solutions to the entire organization.

The top priorities of the Cache County IT Department are the support, maintenance, availability, and security of the technical infrastructure of the Cache County organization including networks, servers, storage, in-house applications, databases, web sites, email systems, communications circuits, phone systems, and employee PCs/ laptops to name just a few.



IT Department Infrastructure Team



IT Department Developer Team

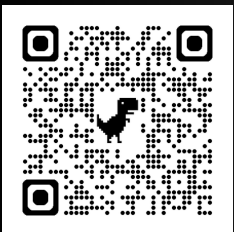


In early 2018, Cache County launched **CORE (Cache Online Records Express)** created by the Information Technology Developer Team. This application provides online access to approximately 4 million county property documents and details. As the Recorder's Office continues to digitize property records, they are added to this accessible database for the citizens of Cache County. This program has become the envy of the rest of the state of Utah and surrounding region making property records easily available to County citizens. Kudos to our IT Team! You can access CORE at: www.core.cachecounty.gov

CACHE COUNTY OVER THE AIR BROADCAST TV TRANSLATOR SERVICE

The Cache County IT Department maintains and operates the over the air TV signal broadcast from the translator located on Mt. Pisgah in Wellsville Canyon. This has been a service offered to all Cache Valley residents since the late 1970s. The TV service is free to all Cache County citizens who have an antenna to receive a digital signal. The entire translator site has just undergone a major infrastructure refresh replacing outdated gear and electrical circuits, and updating the diesel generator.

the list of available channels and status of the TV signal is shown on the Cache County website at: www.cachecounty.gov/infotech/tv-translator



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"To Make life better for our residents."*