

CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL
Truth in Taxation Meeting

November 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - Cache County Council Chamber at 199 North Main, Logan, Utah.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Sandi Goodlander, Vice-Chair Kathryn Beus, Councilmember David Erickson, Councilmember Barbara Tidwell, Councilmember Keegan Garrity, Councilmember Nolan Gunnell, Councilmember Mark Hurd.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: N/A

STAFF PRESENT: Andrew Erickson (Council Policy Analyst), Bryson Behm (Cache County Clerk), Taylor Sorensen (Cache County Attorney), N. George Daines (Cache County Executive), Ethan McAllister (Cache County Information Technology Intern)

OTHER ATTENDANCE: Ron Castell, Chris Nielsen, Christine Christensen, Keith Nelson, unnamed members of the public attending both in-person and virtually via Google Meet.

Truth in Taxation Meeting Announcement

1. **Call to Order 6:00p.m. – 0:00**
2. **Opening – Councilmember Sandi Goodlander 0:03** Councilmember Sandi Goodlander opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. **Review and Approval of Agenda 0:05**
Action: Motion made by Councilmember to approve the amended agenda; seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell
Motion passes.
Aye: 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Keegan Garrity, Mark Hurd
Nay: 0
4. **Budget Overview 0:21**
Executive Daines briefly introduced the truth in taxation hearing purpose and where the budget was in the process.
5. **Truth in Taxation Meeting Announcement 3:27** Chair Sandi Goodlander read Truth in Taxation Hearing announcement, which read as follows:
This Truth in Taxation Meeting includes a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing to hear public comments regarding the proposed tax increase and to explain the reasons for the proposed tax increase.

The public is encouraged to participate in person or online. To join the meeting virtually, visit the Cache County website homepage and click on the "Meeting Link button" under "Proposed County Tax increase."
6. **Statement on Proposed Increase 4:11** Chair Sandi Goodlander read the following statement on the proposed increase, which read as follows:
 - a. **Cache County is proposing an 18% property tax increase of \$3,721,500 for 2026 for the purpose of meeting inflationary costs of personnel and public safety.**

7. **Open Public Hearing for Public Input Both in Person and Virtually**

Council Chair Sandi Goodlander opened the open truth in taxation public hearing portion of the meeting [4:26](#).

- a. Consideration of a Proposed Property Tax increase that exceeds the Certified Rate.

[4:46](#) Citizen Ron Castell from Logan shared his thoughts asking council to inform the public more of what services they are considering to reduce when property taxes are being raised. [8:02](#) Citizen Chris Nielsen expressed his disappointment in the services offered by the state and county. [10:37](#) Christine Christensen expressed thanks to council and department heads for doing the work before proposing to raise taxes; she asked where the deficit came from. Chair Goodlander answered the county had a rainy day fund from conservative management and COVID that could cover the deficit without debt. Executive Daines added there was 22 million in reserve funds and the goal is to reduce the deficit to zero. [12:59](#) Citizen Keith Nelson shared the struggle this adds to fixed income households. [15:14](#) Chair Goodlander opened for online comments. No one signaled or indicated that they wished to speak. Additional given for those online to signal an intent to do so. No one signaled that they wish to speak.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to close public hearing; seconded by Councilmember Mark Hurd.
Motion passes.

Aye: 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Keegan Garrity, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

8. **Close Public Hearing [17:03](#)**

9. **Discussion and Final Action on Proposed Tax Increase [18:35](#)**

Councilmember Barbara Tidwell shared her personal opinions on the double tax for residents of municipalities for the county library, the free meals provided to summer citizens, and the importance of customer service to the public. [23:03](#)

Councilmember Keegan Garrity added his comments of desire to serve the public and listen to their needs for the services provided to the county. [26:51](#) Vice Chair Kathryn Beus expressed thanks to Executive Daines and council. Executive Daines added to Councilmember Keegan Garrity's comments and explained the plan for the taxes it to set the county in a position to match inflation and growth for the future. [31:25](#) Councilmember David Erickson said some mismanagement of funds from COVID and the home price inflation in the county had caused a perfect storm and he appreciated the work Auditor Matt Funk and the Executive had done.

Action: Motion made by Vice Chair Kathryn Beus to move that the Cache County Council raise the combined health and general fund ad valorem property tax revenue by 18% for the 2026 fiscal year; motion seconded by Councilmember Barbara Tidwell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Keegan Garrity, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

10. **Adjourn [38:45](#)**

Action: Motion made by Vice Chair Kathryn Beus to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Keegan Garrity, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

Time of Adjournment: 6:40 PM [38:49](#)

APPROVAL: Sandi Goodlander, Chair
Cache County Council

ATTEST: Bryson Behm, Clerk
Cache County Council

