



Form of Government Study Committee

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CACHE COUNTY COMMITTEE STUDIES FORMS OF COUTNY GOVERNMENT

A Cache County Form of Government Committee has started its work, aiming to figure out the best way to structure the county's government. The committee includes local leaders who care deeply about the community, including Mayors Ed Buist from Mendon, Bryan Cox from Hyde Park, and Blake Wright from River Heights. They are joined by Jordan Mathis from the Bear River Health Department and former state representative Jack Draxler, who is leading the committee.

"Our committee is carefully studying the four forms of county government permitted by Utah statute," said Chair Jack Draxler. "But we're not doing this in a vacuum. This committee simply can't make the best decision on our form of government without the essential input of our county's residents."

To make an informed decision, the committee will collect feedback from the public and review materials from other Utah counties that have explored their government structures. They will also meet with local and state officials who have experience in different county setups to learn from their expertise.

In Utah, counties have four options for how they organize their government. Currently, Cache County uses a council–executive system, with a part-time county council setting policies and budget and a locally elected county executive managing daily operations. Other available options include:

- A part-time county council that appoints a trained professional county manager to handle day-to-day administration.
- A three-member full-time county commission, elected at-large by all county voters rather than by geographic districts, with both legislative and executive powers.
- A larger part-time county commission, also with combined legislative and executive powers.

Public involvement is vital to the process. In the coming months, the committee will hold public meetings, gather feedback through various channels, and work hard to keep residents informed and engaged.

Further details, including meeting schedules, background materials, and ways to provide input, will be shared through the county's official website and social media channels.

For questions or to share input, residents can email studycommittee@cachecounty.gov or follow updates at <https://www.cachecounty.gov/study-committee/>.

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