

CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL

December 10, 2024 5:00 p.m. - Cache County Chamber at 199 North Main, Logan, Utah.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair David Erickson, Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell, Councilmember Karl Ward, Councilmember Nolan Gunnell, Councilmember Mark Hurd

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kathryn Beus, Sandi Goodlander

STAFF PRESENT: Bryson Behm, Wes Bingham, Brittany Kingston

OTHER ATTENDANCE:

1. **Call to Order 5:00p.m. –**[59:57](#)
2. **Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance –**[1:00:18](#) Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell wished everyone happy holidays, said a prayer, and lead attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. [1:01:43](#) Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell asked Chair Erickson for permission to present Karl Ward with an award and thanked him for his service.
3. **Review and Approval of Agenda –** [1:02:42](#) Chair Erickson opened for motion to approve agenda.
Action:[1:02:51](#) Motion made by Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell to amendtheagenda:10-B needed to include roads and items 10-E and 10-F needed to be transferred to 8-B and 8-C to be included in the Public Hearing section ; seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell.
Motion passes.
Aye: 5David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd
Nay: 0

[1:04:10](#) Chair Erickson opened for motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Action:[1:04:15](#) Motion made by Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwellto approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell.
Motion passes.
Aye: 5David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd
Nay: 0
4. **Review and Approval of Minutes (December 3, 2024) –** [1:04:25](#) Chair Erickson opened for minutes to be approved; Not yet available.
5. **Report of the County Executive–** [1:04:35](#) Chair Erickson asked for County Executive Report.
Appointment– [1:04:38](#) Executive David Zook presented members of the Open Space Advisory Committee for reappointment: Claire Ellis, Brent Thomas, Kendra Penry, Christopher Sans, Reagan Wheeler, Eric Elison; Also the non-voting ex-officio county councilmember Kathryn Beus and the non-voting agricultural expert ex-officio member Justin Clawson.
Action:[1:05:40](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to confirm reappointment of said individuals to the Open Space Advisory Committee; seconded by Councilmember Mark Hurd.
Motion passes.
Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd
Nay: 0
6. **Tax Relief–** [1:06:05](#) Chair Erickson asked Tax Administration Supervisor Dianna Schaeffer to present.
A. Hardships –[1:06:22](#)Tax Administration SupervisorDianna Schaeffer presented.
 - i. [1:10:29](#) Requestending in 20 was recommended as a denial due to applicant being non-compliant in providing complete financial information.

Action:[1:11:36](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to deny hardship request ending in 20; seconded by Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

- ii. [1:12:02](#) Request ending in 14 was recommended as a denial due to applicant did not provide documentation on finances, disability, child support received, and proof of expenditures.

Action: [1:13:43](#) Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to deny hardship request ending in 14; seconded by Councilmember Mark Hurd.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

- iii. [1:14:04](#) Request ending in 1 was recommended for approval at a 29% level due to past hardship history.

Action: [1:15:13](#) Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to approve hardship request ending in 1 at 29%; seconded by Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

- iv. [1:15:41](#) Request ending in 3 was recommended for denial due to applicant being non-compliant in providing complete financial information.

Action: [1:16:42](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to deny hardship request ending in 3; seconded by Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

- v. [1:17:06](#) Request ending in 127 was recommended for denial due to applicant being non-compliant in providing complete financial information.

Action: [1:17:55](#) Motion made by Councilmember Mark Hurd to deny hardship request ending in 127; seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

- vi. [1:18:20](#) Request ending in 8 was recommended for denial due to applicant submitted incomplete circuit breaker application, did not provide hardship request application, and failed to provide financial information. [1:18:47](#) Council asked for correction on name.

Action:[1:19:05](#) Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to deny hardship request ending in 8; seconded by Councilmember Karl Ward.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

- vii. [1:19:29](#) Request ending in 33 was recommended for approval due to applicant compliance in providing financial information, loss of child support and social security for child whom is now of age but still in school, as well as past hardship history.

Action: [1:20:23](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to approve hardship request ending in 33 at 14%; seconded by Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

7. Items of Special Interest

- A. Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) – [1:20:57](#)** Chair Erikson invited Northern Region Supervisor Blair Stringham to present payment in lieu of taxes for property in Cache County, about 25,000 acres. Thanked Council for support and gave council payment.
- B. County Fire Committee Report – [1:23:16](#)** Chair Erikson invited Fire Chief Rod Hammer to update council on the Fire District; Fire Chief Rod Hammer stated the purpose of the fire district is to promote cooperation, provide training, support financially, and to provide service throughout Cache County. Fire Chief Rod Hammer presented that by-laws have not been completed and petitioned to have the assistance of 4 Mayors, 2 County Councilmembers, and the County Executive for the board. [1:25:13](#) Fire Chief Rod Hammer shared concerns as well as some possible solutions and presented a financial analysis study that was started. [1:29:39](#) Councilmember Nolan Gunnell asked follow up questions. [1:30:49](#) Chair Erickson and Fire Chief Rod Hammer shared goals and hopes for next steps. Council thanked Rod Hammer.
- C. Presentation by Clarkston Mayor Craig Hidalgo on CCCOG Funding – [1:33:31](#)** Chair Erikson invited Clarkston Mayor Craig Hidalgo to speak. Recording equipment started having technical issues. [1:33:53](#) Mayor Hidalgo recognized councils concerns and budget struggle on behalf of Mayors of Cache County in review of a letter sent in October to Council. [1:35:11](#) Mayor Hidalgo discussed Councils decision to increase sales tax by 0.3% for transportation and recognized County Council had full authority on implementation. Mayor Hidalgo addressed his and fellow Mayors concerns for those funds to be used for filling holes in budget and petitioned for those funds to be used for county transportation because of uniqueness of county roads. Mayor Hidalgo stressed urgency for this funding to be used for county transportation. [1:40:52](#) Mayor Hidalgo expressed interest for cooperation from the Mayors to find alternatives for gaps in budget so the road funding can be used for roads. [1:42:24](#) Chair Erikson expressed appreciation for a couple mayors reaching out to him. [1:43:11](#) Mayor Hidalgo repeated offer to work with the County and have a member to be a part of CCCOG to understand needs. [1:43:34](#) Nolan Gunnell and Chair Erikson thanked Mayor Hidalgo.

8. Public Hearing

- A. [1:31:41](#) Set Public Hearing for December 17, 2024 – *Resolution 2024-30 – Opening the 2024 Budget (December)***
Action: [1:32:10](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to hold a special council meeting on December 17, 2024 at 5p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Mark Hurd.
Motion passes.
Aye: 4 David Erickson, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd
Nay: 1 Barbara Tidwell
- Action:** [1:32:58](#) Motion made by Councilmember Mark Hurd to set the public hearing for Resolution 2024-30 – Opening the 2024 Budget for December 17th; seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell.
Motion passes.
Aye: 4 David Erickson, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd
Nay: 1 Barbara Tidwell

9. Pending Action

A. *Resolution 2024-23 – Adopting the 2025 Annual Budget*

Discussion: [1:55:22](#) Chair Erikson invited Wes Bingham to present updated information to council. [1:56:00](#) Wes Bingham began review and gave an updated copy to council. Wes explained \$1,215,872 of the budget is used for 21 different funds including the increased salaries of County Treasurer and the County Recorder. With the addition of capital project funds for Municipal Services and Airport as well as the Open Space and ARPA 485 funds. [1:59:57](#) Wes Bingham discussed the projected revenue that the 12% property tax increase would provide for the general and health funds as well as the projected revenue from the sales tax increase of 0.03%. [2:01:13](#) Councilmember Karl Ward commented council had cut

more than 1.7 million and are still finding they need to have the tax increases to cover necessary services provided to the counties citizens. [2:04:16](#) Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell thanked Wes Bingham and Brittany Kingston for their hard work. [2:04:30](#) Wes Bingham commented that transportation would be important and healthy to discuss with city governments. [2:04:54](#) Mark Hurd asked for clarification on where the revenue generated would go to. [2:05:41](#) Wes Bingham responded and continued explanation. [2:06:51](#) Karl Ward asked Chair Erickson if there was more he needed to comment on. [2:07:39](#) Wes Bingham reminded Council they would need to adopt the resolutions from last week and then adopt the elected officials pay adjustments. [2:07:53](#) Chair Erikson confirmed. (10A)

Action: [2:37:04](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to approve Resolution as amended; seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

B. Ordinance 2024-22 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Salaries of Cache County Officers

Discussion: [1:49:20](#) Chair opened for a motion. [1:50:12](#) Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell asked if Council could summarize for those who were not in attendance of the special council meeting held December 10, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.; Chair Erikson summarized.

Action: [1:52:06](#) Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to suspend the rules and adjust the 2025 salary of the elected officials of the county treasurer from \$106,535.30 to match the assessor of \$123,027.84; seconded by Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

Action: [1:52:54](#) Motion made by Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell to suspend the rules and adjust the 2025 salary of the elected officials of the county recorder from \$106,513.04 to match the countys clerk and auditor of \$112,157.54; seconded by Mark Hurd.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

Action: [1:53:45](#) Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to forgo a end of year gift for all elected officails for 2025 with a plan to review and adjust in the fall of 2025; seconded by Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

Action: [1:54:39](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to suspend the rules and approve ordinance 2024-22, an ordinance amending the annual salaries of Cache County Officers as amended; seconded by Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

10. Initial Proposals for Consideration of Action

A. Resolution 2024-27 – Adopting a Property Tax Increase for 2025

Discussion: [2:08:07](#) Chair Erickson mentioned there were some incorrect numbers shown in the packet. Wes answered what the calculations were. Chair Erickson asked for an amendment to change.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Mark Hurd to amend Resolution 2024-27 section C for property tax increase of 12% for \$2,148,179; seconded by Councilmember Vice Chair Barbara Tidwell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

Discussion: [2:11:35](#) Chair Erickson opened for motion on 10A amended.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to suspend rules and approve amended Resolution 2024-27 section C for property tax increase of 12% for \$2,148,179; seconded by Councilmember Vice Chair Barbara Tidwell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

B. Resolution 2024-28 – Imposing a County Option Sales Tax for Public Safety and Roads

Discussion: [2:12:23](#) Chair Erickson opened for discussion. [2:12:43](#) Councilmember Nolan Gunnell said the mayors gave good reason to consider and asked Executive Zook if what was reported in the newspaper true that he agreed. [2:12:57](#) Executive Zook said it was reported in error and he was not in attendance. He explained his view of the sales tax and recommended to phase it over the years. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell asked if there would be any pull back from the budget. Executive Zook responded the combination of inflation, rapid growth, and increased demand for services caused imbalance and spoke positively to work together for the public. [2:21:25](#) Councilmember Karl Ward agreed. [2:21:59](#) Councilmember Nolan Gunnell asked Wes an example figure what to expect in 2026. Wes answered a touch of growth. Nolan continued and asked Council if there is room to cut for transportation next year or not. Chair Erickson commented there is room but not willingness. He added the direction is going the right way. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell clarified if some funds went to public safety can some go towards transportation. Wes answered with a question and asked if the County is charging the appropriate cost to the cities. [2:26:43](#) Councilmember Nolan Gunnell told the mayors in attendance he would continue to help with transportation. [2:26:57](#) Councilmember Mark Hurd commented the County is not wasting money. He thanked the departments for their cuts. He added there is difficulty in balancing the priorities. [2:28:54](#) Chair Erickson said Cache County is the lowest of the whole state for tax per person. Wes commented both the cities and county are conservative for charges of services and that doesn't give enough property tax dollars to pay the costs for services. [2:30:42](#) Chair Erickson summarized communication plans to get needs met. [2:31:33](#) Vice Chair Barbara Tidwell amended tax to include roads. [2:32:11](#) Wes commented the portion of the amounts the county intends to put towards roads and sales tax needs to be reported to the tax commission. [2:32:37](#) Mayors in audience asked if they could be informed of the allocation, or if there will be notice. Chair Erickson answered yes unless they would like roads removed. [2:33:39](#) Chair Erickson opened to suspend rules and pass if Council agreed. Vice Chair Barbara Tidwell said she wanted to see how much first. Councilmember Mark Hurd asked if public notice requirements have been met. Attorney Taylor Sorenson informed Council public notice has been fulfilled. [2:34:40](#) Andrew gave statute requirements for next meeting. [2:36:02](#) Council discussed where on agenda to move next and that the meeting next week would be to open the 2024 budget. (9A)

Action: Motion made by Vice Chair Barbara Tidwell to amend Resolution to include roads; seconded by Councilmember Karl Ward.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

Action: [2:35:29](#) Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to suspend rules and approve Resolution 24-28 imposing sales tax for public safety and roads; seconded by Councilmember Karl Ward.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

C. Resolution 2024-29 – Approving Payment of Premium Pay According to County Attorney's Policy

Discussion: [2:38:12](#) Attorney Taylor Sorenson explained the extra stipend given to prosecutors to deal with the worst crimes. [2:40:45](#) Councilmember Nolan Gunnell asked if it was already included in the budget and how the limit is set. Attorney Taylor Sorenson answered it is budgeted and is prorated \$5,000/year and \$7000 for unit Chief. [2:41:13](#) Chair Erickson echoed Attorney Taylor Sorenson's reason for rotating the cases and felt the additional pay is deserved. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell agreed. Attorney Taylor Sorenson said turnover has decreased and policy has had positive effect on office.

Action: Motion made by Vice Chair Barbara Tidwell to suspend rules and approve Resolution; seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

D. Notice of the Annual Cache County Council Meeting and County Offices Holiday Schedule [2:44:13](#)

E. Ordinance 2024-23 – CVB Rezone[1:43:53](#) Chair Erickson invited County Planner Conner Smith to speak.

Amending the Cache County Zoning Map by rezoning 1.4 acres from the Agricultural (A10) Zone to the Industrial (I) Zone located at approximately 208 W 3700 N, near Hyde Park.

[1:44:18](#) County Planner Conner Smith discussed rezoning 1.4 acres from the Agricultural (A10) Zone to the Industrial (I) Zone and stated that Planning Commissioner gave a public hearing on November 7th with a recommendation to approve. Reasons were that the rezone is compatible for desired purpose and would not affect surrounding properties and would promote economic well-beings by broadening tax base. County Planner Conner Smith noted that the zone would need access to public roads, water, utilities, and have public services available. County Planner Conner Smith continued to explain what the area would be able to be used for. [1:45:54](#) Chair Erickson opened the public hearing and invited members of the public to speak.

Discussion:

Action: [1:46:32](#) Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilmember Karl Ward.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

Action: [2:53:42](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to suspend rules and approve Ordinance; seconded by Vice Chair Barbara Tidwell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

F. Ordinance 2024-24 – Marshall Maughan Trust A10 to RU5 Rezone [1:46:43](#) Chair Erickson invited County Planner Conner Smith to speak.

Amending the Cache County Zoning Map by rezoning 14.0 acres from the Agricultural (A10) Zone to the Rural 5 (RU5) Zone located at approximately 3201 S. Highway 23, between Mendon and Wellsville.

[1:46:59](#) County Planner Conner Smith discussed rezoning 14 acres from the Agricultural (A10) Zone to the Rural 5 (RU5) Zone and stated that Planning Commissioner gave a public hearing on November 7th with a recommendation to approve. Reasons were that the rezone is compatible for desired purpose of housing and should be used in such a way that would not impede adjacent agricultural uses. County Planner Conner Smith noted that the zone would need access to public roads, water, utilities, and have public services available. [1:48:40](#) Councilmember Karl Ward asked follow up question. [1:48:51](#) Chair Erickson opened the public hearing and invited members of the public to speak.

Discussion:

Action: [1:49:08](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

Action: [2:54:36](#) Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to suspend rules and approve ordinance; seconded by Vice Chair Barbara Tidwell (11C)

Nolan Gunnell.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

Discussion: [2:44:12](#)

Action: Motion made by Vice Chair Barbara Tidwell to suspend rules and approve Ordinance/Resolution; seconded by Councilmember Mark Hurd.

Motion passes.

Aye: 5 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Nolan Gunnell, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

Nay: 0

11. Other Business [2:46:17](#)

A. Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) Inter-local Agreement [2:46:34](#) Chair Erickson recapped prior discussion and asked if there were questions. [2:46:56](#) Attorney Taylor Sorenson brought two questions to Council: the limitation the County contributes to BRAG, and the provisions to add to the agreement if the County disagrees with the amount BRAG assesses. [2:48:42](#) Discussion between Taylor and Chair Erickson of process. Taylor asked Council who they would like to be the budget officer and added the structure can be set up however they would like. [2:49:40](#) Councilmember Karl Ward gave his opinions of both sides and said it could be useful but not really necessary. Taylor said it is recommended to have an appointed person and the decision is up to Council. [2:51:39](#) Clerk Bryson Behm redirected action needed to be made still for prior items. [2:51:49](#) Discussion between Council. (8B)

B. Public Works Proposed Road Closure

C. County Council Member Assignment to Committees and as Department Liaisons

[2:55:53](#)

D. County Employee Christmas Party

December 11 at 6:00 pm

[2:57:14](#)

E. 2025 Swearing In Ceremony

January 2 at 10 am (tentative)

[2:57:39](#) Discussion and decision for January 7th

F. UAC Day On The Hill

February 5

[3:00:30](#)

a. Councilmember Reports

David Erickson – [3:02:54](#) Fair Board meetings have mostly been about fast growth without enough money. He thanked Council and the Departments for the work all year.

Sandi Goodlander –

Karl Ward – [3:05:38](#) Reported pleased to have passed the budget and thanked his wife for her support while on Council.

Barbara Tidwell – None

Kathryn Beus –

Nolan Gunnell – [3:01:57](#) Called for standing applause to Karl Ward

Mark Hurd – [3:01:36](#) No report since he missed Fair Board meeting due to car trouble.

b. Adjourn: 7:30 PM [3:06:43](#)



APPROVAL: David Erickson, Chair
Cache County Council



ATTEST: Bryson Behm, Clerk
Cache County Council

