

CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL

August 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. - Cache County 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:

STAFF PRESENT: Sara Owen, Julie Terrill, Amy Adams, Mike Mckinnis

OTHER ATTENDANCE: Micah Safsten, Scott Weaver, Rhyan Dockter

Council Meeting

1. **Call to Order 5:00p.m. – [0:03](#)**
2. **Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance – [0:13](#)** Vice Chair Kathryn Beus offered prayer and lead pledge of allegiance.
3. **Review and Approval of Agenda [1:50](#)**
Action: Motion made by Vice Chair Kathryn Beus to approve the agenda with amendment Ordinance 8A be recorded as 2025-27 ; seconded by Councilmember David Erickson.
Motion passes.
Aye: 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Keegan Garrity, Mark Hurd
Nay: 0
4. **Review and Approval of Minutes (August 12 and August 19) [2:22](#)**
Action: Motion made by Councilmember David Erickson to approve minutes; 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
5. **Report of the County Executive**
Action: Motion made by Councilmember David Erickson; seconded by Vice Chair Kathryn Beus.
Motion passes.
Aye: 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Keegan Garrity, Mark Hurd
Nay: 0
[1:02:41](#) Executive Assistant Dirk Anderson proposed Sandi Goodlander as board member of Bear River Health Department
6. **Items of Special Interest**
 - A. [2:52](#) Chair Sandi Goodlander read for the Executive Office the proclamation for Diaper Need Awareness Week.
Action: Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to accept proclamation; seconded by Vice Chair Kathryn Beus.
Motion passes.
Aye: 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Keegan Garrity, Mark Hurd
Nay: 0
 - B. **County Economic Opportunity (CEO) Board of Recommendations FY26 – Shawn Mile, Bear River Association of Governments Director of Economic Development [30:30](#)** Shawn gave overview of Rural County Grant Program and

introduced Erick and Logan from the site selectors from Texas that look for locations that will be best suited for business who want to expand. [36:31](#) Erick said lack of interest in a particular area is a result of lack of education. Shawn resumed with projected costs for the airport and the plans for how to allocate the funds over the next couple years. Councilmember Keegan Garrity listed the costs expected to come with a self-service system. [44:11](#) Chair Goodlander summarized this would be to study the feasibility to understand self-service fuel and economic impacts. Councilmember Keegan Garrity said yes. [44:45](#) Shawn added this study would prove the merit and check the math. Councilmember Keegan Garrity added the Airport Authority had approved some of Dr. Jones' recommendations. [47:36](#) Chair Goodlander asked for an update on the Economic Assessment Strategy. Shawn provided history of the formation of the committee and the time that had lapsed. Mark Hurd commented seven years is plenty of time; no need to wait for ten. Chair Goodlander asked what practical information was gained from the previous study. Shawn answered the education of the industry was beneficial. [53:36](#) Chair Goodlander thanked Shawn and added she was interested in the justification of the \$25,000. Councilmember Keegan Garrity said several ideas were suggested and the decision was too unclear which direction to take. Shawn listed potential future projects. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell asked if the airport was receiving funds from frequently used entities and how it compared to Brigham airport. Shawn answered Cache has a strategic advantage with USU nearby. Councilmember Keegan Garrity commented the contribution by USU was recently unprecedented but is on the right track. He asked Shawn if businesses were able to have a private aircraft would there be an appeal. Shawn deferred to Erick. Erick answered there are factors to consider, but answered yes. Shawn echoed there is some upside and more information could be gathered from local commercial use.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Mark Hurd to approve recommendation from CEO Board for 2026 Rural County Grant; seconded by Nolan Gunnell.

Motion passes.

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

Nay: 0

[1:01:54](#) Councilmember Keegan Garrity added to include this would be for a feasibility study. Chair Goodlander requested an update on the AG report in the near future.

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- C. **American West Heritage Center Tractor Barn RAPZ Proposal** - [6:23](#) Policy Analyst Andrew Erickson read the request for funding. Councilmember Keegan Garrity mentioned this was supported by the Cache Valley visitor bureau. Councilmember David Erickson said this was a valuable opportunity. Vice Chair Kathryn Beus asked where the dollar amount was listed and then asked if this would be taken into consideration when applications are submitted again. Councilmember David Erickson favored to get the project started. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell asked when the estimated completion date was. *Unknown person from audience answered eight months. Councilmember Keegan Garrity asked if there should be a limit on the timeline. Vice Chair Kathryn Beus answered RAPZ policy is two years.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember David Erickson to approve proposal for American West Heritage Center; seconded by Nolan Gunnell.

Motion passes.

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

Nay: 0

- D. **County Assessor's Tax Role Corrections & Property Tax Abatement** [14:30](#) Brett Robinson listed the proposed adjustments. Vice Chair Kathryn Beus clarified what the taxable value was being presented. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell asked about green belt status. Brett responded the landowners found the error in the truth in taxation notice. Councilmember David Erickson asked if the property with shed rented out qualified for green belt. Brett answered it is a large parcel and has a nice facility that is rented out. [19:20](#) Councilmember Keegan Garrity asked

what the mechanism behind a business license and rental. Brett answered searches of VRBO are done and observations are made to catch them.

Action: Motion made by Vice Chair Kathryn Beus to approve tax roll corrections on 34 parcels as presented; seconded by Mark Hurd.

Motion passes.

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

Nay: 0

[20:56](#) Brett Robinson- County assessor asked for abatement of taxes on a mobile home that is more expensive to collect on than the value.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to approve tax abatement; seconded by Keegan Garrity.

Motion passes.

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

Nay: 0

- E. Request for Medical Capitation for Substance Abuse Treatment-** [23:32](#) _____ described where in the process the request is to receive support for submittal of formal letter to Medicaid to receive the capitation model. Chair Goodlander asked for more information. _____ explained the capitation model with the formula used to determine fund eligibility. Chair Goodlander clarified this would allow the start of the process. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell asked how frequent applications are needed. _____ answered the hope is to begin July 1 2026. Councilmember Keegan Garrity asked what the intent of this vote was for. Chair Goodlander said this would endorse the start of the process to explore the option.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell to approve request for Medicaid Capitation for Substance Abuse Treatment; 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

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F. Presentation of Tentative Budget by the Cache County Executive

[1:04:17](#) Executive Assistant Dirk Anderson read through the Executive list of expenses and general funds with a proposed 18% property tax increase and \$1 million in cuts. [1:10:51](#) Chair Goodlander asked if cuts would be capital requests or operation changes. Dirk answered the capital can be looked into, however if that were done it would pass the costs to the next year. He said the focus in the past had been on the budget and listed options to save: Hiring freeze, contract freeze, travel freeze. He added to increase revenues. [1:19:13](#) Councilmember Nolan Gunnell clarified the shortfall calculations. Dirk answered the estimated property tax increase would be closer to 15% instead of 18% and he wanted to do a fund balance amount without a council vote. Councilmember Keegan Garrity commented it's helpful to know the minimum and maximums with the cost of the last catastrophic event. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell said he would prefer not to be in the lower end and brought up the homes in the mountain regions without property tax. Vice Chair Kathryn Beus said in addition the short term rental licensing. [1:21:25](#) Chair Goodlander summarized with the funds that were set aside and put into the general fund if the 68 million for expenditures included capital requests. Dirk answered yes. He included the minimum was 5% of the

general fund which would be \$3.5 million. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell inquired if there was discussion of substantiating the reasons behind large purchases. Dirk agreed to get specifics from Department Heads. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell asked Dirk how long he had been involved in the County budget. Dirk answered three and a half years. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell commented it appeared things were looked at closer now than in the past and brought up his concern for the citizens in increased taxes. [1:26:45](#) Councilmember Keegan Garrity shared his personal experiences due to cost increases and said the financial management in the County had failed. Vice Chair Kathryn Beus blamed the volatility for part of it. Councilmember Barbara Tidwell added employees are part of the counties constituency. [1:28:51](#) Dirk responded to Nolan's question with his explanations of the reasons behind the deficit. He said an active trustworthy relationship between the executive office and council is what he wanted. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell said cuts should be looked at all year long. Dirk commented the biggest cost for any organization are the people. He listed the service impact when employee cuts are made. Councilmember Keegan Garrity said he would not be comfortable to tell the public the county would raise taxes 18% every year. Dirk responded if taxes aren't raised then services can't proceed as the normal expected level. [1:36:56](#) Chair Goodlander commented the tax rate per citizen in Cache valley was reported as the lowest in the state. Vice Chair Kathryn Beus added the state mandates do not allow for wiggle room. Discussion between Councilmember Keegan Garrity, Chair Goodlander, and Vice Chair Kathryn Beus, and Dirk. [1:40:51](#) Chair Sandi Goodlander asked Matthew Funk for clarification on the revenue projection. Matt answered new information was received by his office that provided a new data set which indicated possibly an additional million, then corrected himself a million lower. He said sales tax is difficult to predict and the economy is softening. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell commented \$300,000 revenue doesn't cover the expenses of equipment. Councilmember Keegan Garrity asked if there would be a good time to discuss revenue ideas. [1:46:38](#) Chair Goodlander said in order to get the numbers to the Treasurer an amount would need to be set. She reminded council the amount can be lowered from what it decided. [1:49:04](#) Councilmember David Erickson clarified the sheet Dirk gave to council and commented the difficulty to set an arbitrary cap. Dirk suggested immediate hiring and contract freezes. Vice Chair Kathryn Beus stated the ramifications. Dirk responded the pattern of cuts with the same expectation of service cannot continue. Councilmember Barbara Tidwell echoed Vice Chair Kathryn Bues on the negative impact to morale. Dirk said line item details in Caselle needed organizational improvements. Councilmember David Erickson asked if Finance and budget part of his department meetings. Dirk answered yes. Councilmember Keegan Garrity expressed interest in historical budgets. [1:58:03](#) Chair Goodlander asked if the contract process could be refined instead of freezing. Dirk responded yes. Councilmember Barbara Tidwell asked if there was a complete record for the contracts. Dirk suggested a periodic review. Councilmember Mark Hurd commented the amount for the Providence Library to budget for will go up but if the old contract was in effect would have cost triple. Short discussion between Dirk and Mark. [2:01:08](#) Attorney Taylor Sorenson urged council to consider the tradeoffs as they deliberate. Council thanked Matt. Chair Goodlander asked for decision from council. [2:04:26](#) Councilmember Nolan Gunnell said the COLA for employees meant raised taxes. Chair Goodlander added HR reported many employees are paid below the market rate. [2:07:35](#) Policy Analyst invited council to look at the dollar amount the tax rate would cost taxpayers and warned against setting it too low. Chair Goodlander read the amount in dollars and added the message needed to be conveyed to the public. Councilmember David Erickson said he was not comfortable with the information he had seen. Councilmember Keegan Garrity commented the vote is what the public would remember and he would not like to see a number higher than ten. Vice Chair Kathryn Beus asked what cuts would be made and how much would be used from the fund balance. Councilmember Keegan Garrity responded he didn't have the information needed to make a decision. Chair Goodlander said it could be put off for a cost of fifty thousand dollars to send a mailer. [2:12:04](#) Councilmember Mark Hurd said 18% is high and a risk but felt like he could stand behind 15%. Dirk offered to have discussions to use the fund balance. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell commented when the bridge to Mendon went out due to flooding it was very costly. Attorney Taylor Sorenson asked what year that was. Councilmember Keegan Garrity asked if FEMA assistance was received. Auditor Matt Funk commented the project was 10 million and FEMA gave 8. Discussion among council.

Action: Motion made by Barbara Tidwell for possible increase of 18% with knowledge the rate could go lower; hesitantly seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell. [2:14:59](#) Councilmember David Erickson amended motion to replace the word *could* with *shall*. Councilmember Barbara Tidwell accepted.

Motion passes.

Aye: 6 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Mark Hurd

Nay: 1 Keegan Garrity

7. Public Hearings [2:15:46](#)

A. Schedule Public Hearing for September 16th at 5:15 pm.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember David Erickson to set public hearing for 2025-26 on September 16, 2025; 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

8. Initial Proposals for Consideration of Action [2:16:21](#)

A. Ordinance 2025-26 – Special Events Amendments to Cache County Code AGENDA SHOWS 2025-26

Discussion: Policy Analyst Andrew Erickson read the changes to attendance size limit and timeframes for accepting application timeframes. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell clarified this would extend the time open for applications. He asked Sheriff Jensen if that would impact his department. Sheriff Jensen gave the overtime costs and said events are planned for ahead when his department is informed. Councilmember Nolan Gunnell deferred to legal for approval. Attorney Taylor Sorenson said yes. Vice Chair Kathryn Beus asked if O&P approved. Andrew answered the Ordinance was from council. [2:22:26](#) Councilmember David Erickson clarified what the word *reflex* meant on the application. Taylor said that was an orthographic error.

Action: Motion made by Vice Chair Kathryn Beus to suspend rules and approve Ordinance 2025-27; 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

9. Other Business

A. Utah Public Lands Council [2:23:17](#) Councilmember David Erickson said he would like to maintain the membership.

B. Upcoming Election of Interim County Executive [2:25:24](#) Chair Goodlander provided meeting details.

C. Wellsville City Founders Day Parade [2:26:24](#)

D. UAC Annual Convention [2:27:20](#)

David Erickson – [2:28:56](#) David reported on Utah Flour Mills tour and ribbon cutting. He asked council to consider his budget scaling options.

Sandi Goodlander – [2:31:25](#) Sandi reported on board of equalization hearing attendance and training. She added her visit with Paul Borup at the CMPO meeting who had been appointed to the transportation board and would now represent for the valley.

Keegan Garrity – [2:28:11](#) None

Barbara Tidwell – [2:28:07](#) None

Kathryn Beus – [2:28:51](#) None

Nolan Gunnell – [2:28:17](#) Nolan reported on update for meeting with water engineer. Chair Goodlander said she and Andrew discussed to hold a joint meeting with planning and zoning.

Mark Hurd – [2:30:44](#) Mark began his report. Councilmember Barbara Tidwell commented the program for the fallen heroes was awesome. Mark added it was a great collaboration with the America250.

[2:33:32](#) Councilmember Nolan Gunnell thanked Chair and Vice Chair for their time put into their roles.

Action: Motion made by Vice Chair Kathryn Beus; seconded by none.

No Vote

Adjourn: 7:30 PM [2:33:45](#)

Sandi Goodlander

**APPROVAL: Sandi Goodlander, Chair
Cache County Council**

Bryson J Behm

**ATTEST: Bryson Behm, Clerk
Cache County Council**

