

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Bonding Act, Title 11, Chapter 14, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, that on July 26, 2022, the County Council (the "Council") of Cache County, Utah (the "County"), adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") in which it authorized the calling of an election (the "Election") concerning a proposition for the issuance of the County's General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds") and called a public hearing to receive input from the public with respect to (a) the issuance of the Bonds, and (b) any potential economic impact that the improvements, facilities, or properties financed in whole or in part with the proceeds of the Bonds (see below) may have on the private sector.

TIME, PLACE, AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the County offices, located at 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah. All members of the public are invited to attend and participate.

PURPOSE FOR ISSUING THE BONDS, MAXIMUM AMOUNT, AND SECURITY

The Bonds are to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of purchasing land, conservation easements, and other interests in land from willing landowners in order to protect scenic vistas; preserve open lands near valley gateways; add trails and trail connectivity; maintain agriculture, waterways, and wildlife habitat; and pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds are to be secured by ad valorem property taxes of the County to the extent authorized by law.

The Bonds may be issued in one or more series and be sold from time to time, all as the Council may determine.

DATED this July 26, 2022.

/s/	Jess Bradfield	
	County Clerk	

(To be posted no less than 14 days before the public hearing.)



Section 6. Notice of Election. In accordance with Utah Code section 11-14-202, a Notice of the Bond Election shall be (i) posted in a place within the boundaries of the County that are most likely to give notice to the voters in the County (the "Locations"), with at least one additional notice posted per 2,000 population of the County subject to a maximum of 10 mandatory notices, at least 21 days before the Bond Election, (ii) posted on the Utah Public Meeting Notice website (http://pmn.utah.gov) for three weeks before the Bond Election and (iii) posted on the County's website for at least three weeks before the Bond Election. The Council hereby finds that posting notice at the County's office at 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah 84321, and at the primary municipal office of each of the incorporated municipalities in the County meets these criteria.

In addition, the Election Officer (defined herein) is to (i) publish the sample ballot immediately before the election as required in Utah Code section 20A-5-405 and (ii) publish notice of and perform the election voting device and tabulation equipment test procedures as required by Utah Code section 20A-4-104.

The election Notice shall be given in substantially the following form (with such completion, amendments, updates, changes, additions or alterations as may be required to conform the Notice to the Act (including amendments thereto prior to such posting) and actual election information or calendar items (to be confirmed prior to the first publication of the Notice)):

ELECTION NOTICE

To all qualified electors of Cache County, Utah:

Take notice that on November 8, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., a special bond election (the "Bond Election") will be held in Cache County, Utah (the "County"), in conjunction with the general election to be held that day.

Information regarding polling places for each voting precinct, each early voting polling place, and each election day voting center, including changes to the location of any polling place and the location of any additional polling place, may be found at the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website at www.vote.utah.gov or at the Cache County Clerk's Website.

To obtain information regarding the location of a polling place voters may also call (435) 755-1460.

The Election will be held for the purpose of submitting the following ballot proposition:



OFFICIAL BALLOT PROPOSITION FOR THE CACHE COUNTY, UTAH, SPECIAL BOND ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022

/s/ Jess Bradfield County Clerk

PROPOSITION

Shall Cache County, Utah, be authorized to issue General Obligation Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of purchasing land, conservation easements, and other interests in land from willing landowners in order to protect scenic vistas, preserve open lands near valley gateways, add trails and trail connectivity, and maintain agriculture, waterways, and wildlife habitat, with all acquisitions to be selected by the County Council based upon recommendations of an Open Lands Board and subject to periodic independent audit commissioned by the County; said Bonds to be due and payable in not to exceed 20 years from the date of issuance of the Bonds?

<u>Property Tax Cost of Bonds</u>: If the Bonds are issued as planned, an annual property tax sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds will be required over a period of 20 years in the estimated amount of \$26.85 per year on a \$429,000 primary residence and in the estimated amount of \$45.52 on a business property of the same value.

The foregoing information is only an estimate and is not a limit on the amount of taxes that the County may be required to levy to pay debt service on the Bonds. The County would be obligated to levy taxes to the extent provided by law in order to pay the Bonds. The amounts are based on various assumptions and estimates, including estimated debt service on the Bonds and taxable values of property in the County.

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Pursuant to applicable provisions of Utah law, the Election shall end 40 days after November 22, 20 Election are to be canvassed and the results of maintained unless a complaint meeting the require of the District Court of Cache County within the provisions.	22 (the date on which the returns of the lathereof declared). No such contest sharements of applicable law is filed with the Contest of applicable law is	Bond Il be
GIVEN by order of the County Council of Cache	County, Utah.	
ATTEST:	By: <u>/s/ Barbara Tidwell</u> Council Chair	
By: /s/ Jess Bradfield County Clerk		

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Section 7. Mailing of Voter Information Pamphlet. The Council hereby directs the County Clerk of the County (the "County Clerk") to mail at least 15 but not more than 45 days before the scheduled Bond Election, a voter information pamphlet or a notice printed on a postage prepaid, preaddressed return form that a person may use to request delivery of a voter information pamphlet by mail, to each household with a registered voter who is eligible to vote on the Bonds. Said voter information pamphlet shall include, in the following order: (a) the date of the Bond Election, (b) the hours during which the polls will be open, (c) the address of the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website and, if available, the address of the County Clerk's website, with a statement indicating that the election officer will post on the website the location of each polling place for each voting precinct, each early voting polling place, and each election day voting center, including any changes to the location of a polling place and the location of an additional polling place; (d) a phone number that a voter may call to obtain information regarding the location of a polling place; (e) the title and text of the ballot proposition, and (f) an explanation of the property tax impact, if any, of the issuance of the Bonds which may be based upon information available to the County Clerk, including (i) expected debt service on the Bonds to be issued, (ii) a description of the purpose, remaining principal balance, and maturity date on any outstanding general obligation bonds of the County, (iii) funds other than property taxes available to pay debt service on general obligation bonds, (iv) timing of expenditure of Bond proceeds, (v) property values and (vi) any additional information the Council determines may be useful to explain the property tax impact of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 8. Compliance with the Transparency of Ballot Propositions Act. The County shall comply with the requirements of the Transparency of Ballot Propositions Act, Utah Code §§ 59-1-1601 through -1605, as amended, and shall post the arguments and rebuttal arguments as required by that act on the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website as described in Utah Code section 20A-7-801, as amended, for 30 consecutive days before the Bond Election. The County shall further post all arguments and rebuttal arguments in a prominent place on the County's website for 30 consecutive days before the Bond Election. If the County has a newsletter published between finalization of the arguments and rebuttal arguments and the date of the Bond Election, it shall further post arguments and rebuttal arguments in such newsletter. When posting the argument and rebuttal argument, the County Clerk shall ensure that: (a) a rebuttal argument is posted in the same manner as a direct argument; (b) each rebuttal argument follows immediately after the direct argument that it seeks to rebut; and (c) information regarding the public meeting (described in the next sentence), follows immediately after the posted arguments, including the date, time, and place of the public meeting. The County shall conduct a public meeting on September 27, 2022, a date which is no more than 45, but at least 4, days before the Bond Election, beginning at the hour of 6:00 p.m. at 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah. The purpose of the meeting is to hear arguments for and against the issuance of the Bonds. Information regarding this public meeting shall follow immediately after the posted arguments set forth on the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website and the County's website described herein.



Within three days following the public meeting, the County will post a digital audio recording of the meeting on its website and make it available at the primary office of the County.

Section 9. <u>Election Supplies and Ballots</u>. The ballots to be used at the Bond Election shall comply in all respects with the requirements of the Act at the time of the Bond Election, and the proposition and election instructions with respect to the Bond Election shall be in substantially the form contained in the Election Notice set forth in Section 6 hereof.

Section 10. <u>Appointment of Election Officer</u>. Pursuant to Utah Code sections 20A-1-102 and 20A-5-400.5, the County Clerk will act as elections officer (the "Election Officer"). Other officials of the County are hereby directed and authorized to coordinate with the Election Officer as required for the Bond Election. The Election Officer is authorized and directed to give appropriate notices as required by the Act.

Section 11. <u>Canvass</u>. The ballots shall be counted and the results delivered to the County in accordance with Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 1 and Part 2, of the Utah Code. The Council shall meet as a Board of Canvassers no sooner than 7 nor later than 14 days after the date of said election, such meeting being currently set for November 22, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the Council in Logan, Utah, and if the majority of the votes cast at the Bond Election are in favor of the propositions submitted, then the County Clerk shall cause an entry of that fact to be made upon its minutes. Thereupon the Council shall be authorized and directed to issue such Bonds.

Section 12. <u>Severability</u>. It is hereby declared that all parts of this resolution are severable, and if any section, clause, or provision of this resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of any such section, clause, or provision shall not affect the remaining sections, clauses, or provisions of this resolution.

Section 13. <u>Conflict</u>. All resolutions, orders, and regulations or parts thereof heretofore adopted or passed which are in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This repealer shall not be construed so as to revive any resolution, order, regulation, or part thereof heretofore repealed.

Section 14. <u>Captions</u>. The headings herein are for convenience of reference only and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope or intent of any provisions or sections of this resolution.



Section 15. Recording of Resolution; Effective Date; Notice to Lieutenant Governor and Election Officer. Immediately after its adoption, this Resolution shall be signed by the Chair and the County Clerk, shall be recorded in a book for that purpose, and shall take immediate effect. The County Clerk shall immediately furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to the Lieutenant Governor and the Cache County Clerk in accordance with Utah Code section 11-14-201 by no later than July 27, 2022, a date at least 75 days before the Bond Election.

Section 16. <u>Further Authority</u>. The Council hereby authorizes the County Clerk to make non-substantive changes to any notice or the ballot proposition described herein to complete the same, cure any defect therein, or to make any other changes to such notice or ballot proposition as may be required by the laws of the State of Utah.

PASSED AND APPROVED this July 26, 2022.

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		•	Barbara Tidwell Council Chair	
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By:	Jess Bradfield			
	County Clerk			