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Public invited to make comments regarding beer sales at grand arena

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A public comment period will take place at the beginning of the county commission meeting on Monday, August 17, to find out how the public feels about changing the ordinance regarding beer sales at the grand arena at the county fair grounds to allowing beer sales.

“The change will only affect beer sales for the grand arena,” said Clinton Painter, commission chairman. “The rest of the fair grounds will remain the same—no alcoholic beverage sales.”

He said that the commission had adopted the prohibition of beer sales on Juab County property on October 1, 2020. The county commission was authorized under state law to make ordinances for county-owned property that would protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Prohibiting alcoholic beverage sales was deemed in the best interest of the public, he said.

The Ute Stampede Committee had come to the commission when the bulls only event had begun and wanted to have a beer garden, said Painter. Guidelines had been set for that event and then the commission had determined to prohibit beer sales entirely.

However, law enforcement for the county and Nephi had indicated that it would be easier to control if the large area events were permitted to sell beer. They had said that folks were just sneaking beer into the events which made it difficult to police, said Painter.

“Something this big should allow time for public comment,” said Marty Palmer, county commissioner. “We should also have the Nephi City Police Chief and the Juab County Sheriff here to explain what they feel the benefits are.”

He said he knew many people in the county would have strong feelings about making a change and wanted the public to know that nothing the commission did was behind closed doors.

Palmer asked whether commissioners should hold a night meeting or keep to the regular meeting time.

Marvin Kenison, commissioner, said he thought they should hold to the regular time and meet at 10 a.m.

“It is better to hold to the regular schedule,” he said. “People know that, if they can’t be here in person, they can always submit their opinion in writing.”

Section 11-2-14 of county code currently prohibits the possession and sale on county property without exception.

The bulk of the proposed amendment reads: “Whereas, the Juab County Commission desire to preserve the general prohibition on the possession, consumption and sale of alcoholic



BEER SALES • The county commission would like to have the public’s input on potential beer sales at grand arena at fairgrounds. A public comment period will be held at the next commission meeting August 17, 10:00 am.

Nephi City and JSD to hold Truth in Taxation hearings

Two local taxing entities in Juab County, including Nephi City and the Juab School District, will be holding public hearings so that the public can voice approval or concerns on the proposed increase.

Nephi City Truth-in-Taxation Meeting was held on August 11 (before newspaper publication).

Nephi was proposing to increase its property tax revenue. If the proposed budget is approved, Nephi City would increase its property tax budgeted revenue by 109.30 percent above last year’s property tax budgeted revenue, excluding eligible growth.

The proposed Nephi City tax on a residence valued at \$448,000 would increase from \$121.48 to \$254.04, which is \$132.56 per year.

The proposed Nephi City tax on a business valued at \$448,000 would increase from \$220.86 to \$461.89, which is \$241.03 per year.

If the proposed budget is approved, the city would receive an additional \$532,000 in property tax revenue per year as a

result of the tax increase. If the proposed budget is approved, Nephi City would increase its property tax budgeted revenue by 109.30 percent above last year’s property tax budgeted revenue excluding eligible growth.

Juab School District will hold their public hearing on Tuesday, August 18, at 6 p.m. in the Juab School District Office Boardroom, 346 East 600 North, Nephi.

“The hearing is to address a proposed increase in a portion of the certified tax rate funding the expansion and remodeling of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Building at Juab High School,” said Darin Clark, district business administrator.

“The increase will be offset by a decrease in the debt service levy,” he said.

“Juab School District’s Truth in Taxation presentation will include an overview of the proposed property tax increase, an explanation of the certified tax rate, the purpose of the proposed increase, the impact on district operations and educational pro-

grams to be followed by time for the public to comment regarding the proposed property tax increase,” said Clark.

Juab School District is proposing a property tax rate increase that exceeds the certified rate, generating roughly \$919,351 to \$1.1 million that is an approximate 11.55 percent ad valorem revenue increase.

“While one portion of the property tax rate increases for the CTE project, the district is simultaneously proposing a decrease in its debt service levy. This offset means the total overall property tax impact from the school district is expected to decrease for taxpayers,” said Clark.

The School Board will consider the adoption of the proposed property tax rate for tax year 2026 at the school board meeting to be held September 26, 2026 at 6 p.m.

The Certified Tax Rate is calculated annually to ensure entities collect the same amount of revenue as the prior year (excluding new growth).

If an entity proposes budget-

ing more revenue than the previous year, state law mandates public notification, detailed parcel-impact disclosures, and a physical public hearing before a final vote.

Utah’s property tax system is governed by a set of laws and regulations commonly referred to as “Truth in Taxation.” The objective of these rules is to keep property taxes from rising simply as a result of increasing property values.

Each year the Utah State Tax Commission determines each taxing entity’s “Certified Tax Rate.” Anytime a taxing entity assesses a property tax rate higher than the certified rate, the entity must advertise that rate as a tax increase.

“State law requires that the public hearing be held in the evening, that it not be held on the same date as a regularly scheduled meeting, and that a vote is not taken by the governing entity until a regularly scheduled meeting is held and the proposal is on the agenda,” said Clark.

Local mayors and commissioners talk about communities at joint meeting

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Each city at the Juab County Mayors and Commissioners Meeting held last Monday were given an opportunity to speak and tell about their communities.

Travis Kyhl, R6 Executive Director, and Shay Morrison, R6 Community Advisor; Robert

Jenkins, Eureka City Mayor; Ronald Allred Sr., Rocky Ridge Mayor; Troy Painter, Mona Mayor; Justin Seely, Nephi City Mayor, (at another meeting) was represented by Jeramie Callaway, Nephi Mayor Pro-Tempore; Tyler Shepherd, Levan Mayor (unable to attend) was represented by Jerry Spencer, Levan Mayor Pro-Tempore, were all present as were Juab County Commissioners: Clinton Painter, chairman; Marty Palmer,

and Marvin Kenison; Tyson Barber, Regional Business Manager for Rocky Mountain Power serving Central Utah; Jared Rowley, Juab County Attorney; Kiley Moody, Juab County Administrator; Tanielle Callaway, Juab County Clerk/Auditor.

“The state is working on helping communities with general plans, data privacy, websites/.gov, land use checklists and budgets, capital improvement plans (CIPs), and Permanent Com-

munity Impact Board (CIB) applications,” said Kyhl. “The CIB fund is the biggest fund for communities in the state.”

Morrison said they were working with communities to develop annexation policy plans, personnel policies and procedures, procurement policies, subdivision ordinances, water master plans,

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