

VOTER INFORMATION

Polling locations for each voting precinct, early voting polling place, and election day voting center, including any changes to the location of a polling place and the location of an additional polling place, can be found at the Iron County Elections website: <http://ironcounty.net/government/departments/clerk/elections>

www.vote.utah.gov
435-477-8340

**In-person voting November 14th - 17th,
8:00a - 5:00p MT (Early Voting):**

Iron County Courthouse, 68 S 100 E,
Parowan

**In-person voting November 21st, 7:00a
- 8:00p MT (Election Day):**

Cedar City Offices, 10 N Main, Cedar

Enoch City Offices, 900 E Midvalley Rd,
Enoch

Iron County Courthouse, 68 S 100 E,
Parowan

**For Additional Information Including
Argument FOR or AGAINST the bond
visit the website or scan QR Code:**

www.jail.ironcounty.net
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VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

**Iron County
Sheriff Complex
Jail Bonds**



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**General Election
Tuesday,
November 21st 2023**

BOND INFORMATION

OFFICIAL BALLOT PROPOSITION FOR IRON COUNTY, UTAH SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

The County is limited to \$89.95MM, as well as a 31-year payoff date.

/s/ Jon Whittaker
County Clerk

By law once the GO Bond is paid off the County must remove the GO tax levy associated with the bonds.

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Iron County, Utah (the "County"), be authorized to issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed Eighty Nine Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$89,950,000) (the "Bonds") for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new jail and related improvements; said Bonds to be due and payable in not to exceed Thirty One (31) years from the date of issuance of the Bonds?

Property Tax Cost of Bonds: If the Bonds are issued as planned, a property tax sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds will be required over a period of Thirty (30) years in the estimated average amount of \$153.04 per year on a \$405,000 primary residence and in the estimated amount of \$278.25 per year on a business property having the same value.

This amount may decrease if the County uses other money to make the debt service payment.

The foregoing information is only an estimate and is not a limit on the amount of taxes that the

Board may be required to levy to pay debt service on the Bonds. The Board is 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.

FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS (YES)

Mark this if you support the bond.

AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS (NO)

Mark this if you do not support the bond.

SHERIFF COMPLEX NEED

WHY IS IT CRITICAL FOR OUR COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT A NEW JAIL?

OVERCROWDED:

- The current jail is experiencing severe overcrowding, with insufficient space for both sheriff staff and inmates.
- The current jail has 256 beds. However, due to design limitations and classification needs, we regularly reach max capacity of 180 beds.
- To accommodate the excess inmates, makeshift housing areas have been utilized, posing significant liabilities and security challenges.

PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS:

- Overcrowding in the jail has forced the release of arrestees into the public, causing potential public safety concerns among Iron County residents.
- Judges are routinely asked to cut sentences short due to the jail's capacity constraints, raising serious questions about law enforcement and justice.

COSTLY/INEFFICIENT REMODEL:

- The existing jail has significantly surpassed its intended lifespan and has frequent, costly repairs.
- It's important to understand that investing in these expensive repairs will NOT address the overcrowding problems.
- The County's hands are tied as regulations prohibit any expansion of the current jail facility.

HOW WILL THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SHERIFF'S COMPLEX AND JAIL BENEFIT THE COUNTY?

ADDITIONAL CAPACITY:

- This expanded facility is projected to meet the growth of Iron County for the next 40 years or even longer, ensuring our community's safety and security.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- The new jail will allow the Sheriff to book inmates and, prevent them from being released back into the public early.

EFFICIENCY & COST SAVINGS:

- The expanded jail facility has the potential to generate extra revenue, enabling the County to pay off the requested bond ahead of schedule.
- The new sheriff complex design is expected to utilize staff more efficiently and reduce maintenance and repair expenses.

New Sheriff Complex Design



FAQs:

- Every year the County postpones this project, costs are likely to increase, with the project price skyrocketing by over 40% in just the past three years.
- It's important to emphasize that, by law, the property tax tied to the bond MUST be eliminated once the bond is fully paid off.
- Voting for the General Obligation Bond will give the County the **LOWEST** possible interest rates for the bond.
- The County is planning for surplus revenues from the jail and future sales tax income, which could be used to pay down the bond faster and reduce the property tax burden on our residents.
- Any excess revenues generated can be used to steadily decrease the property tax levy each year until the bond is paid off. This approach ensures a responsible and efficient use of taxpayer dollars.