

Kane County Commission

76 N. Main Street, Kanab, Utah 84741



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Statement on Tourism Tax Restructure & Partnership to Construct Health and Wellness Center

For the 2022 budget year, the commission has restructured and prioritized the way we expend TRT revenue. This creates the ability for Kane County to partner with our cities and towns to build responsible community projects that focus on concepts to improve the health, safety and welfare of our residents while continuing to promote tourism and mitigate tourism impact costs to Kane County.

About a year ago, Mayor Houston approached Kane County with the idea of a city/county partnership to build a health and wellness center in Kanab. Kane County is excited to partner with Kanab City to build a scaled down version of that project in a phased approach that will begin with the construction of adequate gymnasium space for sports including basketball, volleyball, wrestling, pickleball as well as some space for cardio and strength training. Future phases could include additional services such as an indoor swimming pool.

Youth recreation activities in Kanab are struggling to be successful because of a severe lack of facilities. The city/county partnership for this project will focus on solving this problem by building gym space that is adequate for practices, games, and hosting tournaments.

Kane County is unique in that it is such a desirable place to visit. We have been discovered. We have increasing tourism revenues and we are excited to utilize the popularity of our area to improve the recreation opportunities for our residents and to mitigate impacts. What a great place to live.