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### Uintah County Commission Passes Resolution for Public Safety Sales Tax

Uintah County, Utah – May 29, 2024 – On May 21, the Uintah County Commission enacted a significant measure to bolster public safety within the community. The Commission passed a resolution imposing a 0.3% sales tax, specifically designated for public safety initiatives. This decisive action follows extensive deliberation among Commissioners and staff, spanning over seven weeks, including public work sessions held every Monday at 9 AM in the Commission conference room.

The newly implemented tax equates to \$.30 on every \$100 spent. Its utilization is tailored to fortify various facets of public safety, encompassing law enforcement officers, correctional facilities, search and rescue operations, pre-trial probation, county probation, the judicial system and the County Attorney's office.

Commissioners underscored the necessity of this measure in light of recent challenges faced by law enforcement officers nationwide, emphasizing the critical role of adequate funding in recruitment and retention efforts. By levying this tax, the County aims to ensure sufficient resources for the seamless functions of public safety services, benefiting residents and visitors alike, including tourists frequenting our area.

The fiscal prudence of the Commission has resulted in a budget cut of \$5 million this year, avoiding the need for property tax hikes. Despite a consistent decrease in the tax rate in Uintah County over the years, inflationary pressures persist, necessitating judicious financial management. The Commission remains steadfast in its commitment to fiscal responsibility, while aware of the evolving economic landscape.

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