

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 6:00 pm.

Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, La Verkin, Utah

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Blair Gubler; Council Members: Micah Gubler, Patricia Wise, and Chuck Hardy; Staff: Derek Imlay, Kevin Bennett, Chief Nick Nuccitelli, and Christy Ballard; Public: Becki Bronson, Donna Gunter, Cyndi Gilbert, and Natalie Ashby.

Mayor Kelly Wilson, Councilman Richard Hirschi, and Kyle Gubler were excused.

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to nominate Councilman Blair Gubler as the Mayor Pro Tempore, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Hardy-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-no. The motion carried.

A. Called to Order --The invocation/thought and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Becki Bronson at 6:00 pm.

B. Presentation:

1. Intermountain Health annual update

Cyndi Gilbert, St. George Regional Hospital Board Chair, excused Mitch Cloward and introduced Becki Bronson and Natalie Ashby. Cyndi and Natalie gave the annual report for St. George Regional Hospital. See Exhibit A. The 24/7 emergency room will be open in October 2023 at the Hurricane campus and will first be staffed with ED physicians and nurses.

C. Consent Agenda: (Items on the consent agenda may not require discussion. These items will be a single motion unless removed at the request of the Mayor or City Council.)

1. Declarations of conflict of interest

2. Agenda

3. Minutes: June 7, 2023, regular meeting

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to approve the consent agenda as written, including the minutes of the June 7, 2023, regular meeting, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Roll Call Vote: Hardy-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-06; a resolution setting the Certified Tax Rate for La Verkin City for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023.

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to approve Resolution No. R-2023-06; a resolution setting the Certified Tax Rate for La Verkin City for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, second by Councilman Blair Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Chuck-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-07; a resolution restricting the use of fireworks.

Kevin reported that this resolution is the same as last year's, Stage 2. It limits fireworks to the two parks and roadways at least 100 feet from the interface.

No fire restrictions have been declared for either the State of Utah or this region. He will continue to watch for issued restrictions since we are getting into the dry season.

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to approve Resolution No. R-2023-07; a resolution restricting the use of fireworks, second by Councilman Micah Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Hardy-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-no. The motion passes.

3. Discussion and possible action to set a public hearing for an ordinance establishing, revising, and/or increasing the salary schedules for and relating to the City's nonstatutory officers and employees.

Kevin explained that the intent is to create a fourth division within the City that will be Recreation and Events. The individual will be an exempt employee who will answer to the mayor and city administrator. They will oversee, coordinate, and implement the City's festivities and recreation program. Two things need to happen to move forward. One, there needs to be a public hearing for the code amendment for the salary schedule for nonstatutory officers and employees to add this position to the salary schedules. Two, the Council needs to adopt an ordinance amending the code to create the Recreation and Events Director position.

Councilman Micah Gubler stated this is a small first step to festivals sustaining itself and not relying on the public works department.

Councilwoman Wise said her initial thoughts were that she understood the need for a salary position versus an hourly position but didn't think it warranted a separate department with a director. After talking it over, we have relied so much on the public works crew, and they run a lean machine. Eventually, she would like to see the head of this department hire outside contract help for a lot of the work. She sees this as a win for the City. It will be one person, to begin with, but it is a good start.

Councilman Blair Gubler asked why a Councilmember is over the police department but not public works.

Kevin explained the Councilmembers are not over any department; they are simply the liaison between the City Council and the programs within the City.

Councilman Micah Gubler mentioned he was the public works liaison when he was first a councilmember, and he is currently the liaison for festivals & events, which is why he was involved in the creation of this new department but was not sure why there wasn't a public works liaison now. The "control" the Council has is setting and approving the budget.

Kevin explained the weak mayor form of government versus the strong mayor-council and reported that La Verkin is a weak mayor, now known as a six-member council form. The council is elected to form policies, make laws, and work with the administration. You are a board of directors.

The motion was made by Councilman Micah Gubler to set a public hearing for an ordinance establishing, revising, and/or increasing the salary schedules for and relating to the City's nonstatutory officers and employees for Wednesday, July 5, 2023, unless the meeting is canceled then it will be held Wednesday, July 19, 2023, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. Roll Call Vote: Wise-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hardy-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Mayor & Council Reports:

Blair Gubler-Reported on the Solid Waste meeting. They discussed paying employees for education. He wondered if La Verkin had a policy that paid employees to get an education.

Kevin reported the City did have an education policy that was dramatically changed to only cover certifications that are part of the job. The Council at the time decided it was fraught with the possibility of abuse.

Wise- Reported on the June 14th Planning Commission meeting.

The Beautification Committee-this committee has not had a budget, and she would like that to change this upcoming year. Rim to River Trail-The State just approved the Environmental Study, so construction work can begin now. Derek and Sunrise Engineering will be over the consultant and make sure the geological survey is done. Economic Development-There is an upcoming meeting for local business owners. Commissioner Victor Iverson will be presenting.

Derek reported the state legislature had made dramatic changes regarding subdivision procedures. There will no longer be planning commission or city council involvement. The approval process will be entirely administrative. Staff is in the process of drafting the ordinance and making those changes to the city code.

Councilwoman Wise mentioned that it makes sense to her. However, it is beneficial for the City Council to know what's going on in the City, so she would like the director's reports to be emailed again.

Micah Gubler-The July 4th celebration is coming up, and there is typically a float for the City Council.

Hardy-Southwest Mosquito just had the audit, and it went well.

F. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

Donna Gunter- She is a resident of La Verkin. At one time, she had a nice big, beautiful home but needed to downsize, so she bought a former drug house. She worked hard to fix it up and make it look nice.

Her mailbox is mud on the right side, and the neighbor parks their vehicle on the left, forcing her to walk in the mud with her cane. She feels the box sets too high and is not on a big enough platform. At the very least, there needs to be gravel on the right side.

She was told the field behind her had sold, and the weeds are waist high. It is now fire season; her home will be threatened if it catches fire.

There is an alley directly behind the houses. In Detroit, where she is from, everyone had an alley for the trash truck. Those alleys are too small for trash trucks and emergency vehicles, so Detroit donated the land to the property owners. They installed a fence down the middle, and the homeowners were responsible for connecting to the new fence.

This would benefit La Verkin City. The City would not need to spray the weeds in the alleyway. There would also be tax benefits to the City because the property owner would pay property taxes on the entire parcel. The City could put all the conditions they wanted on those property owners before the land was given. One of those conditions could be trashcans stored in the alley. There are trashcans all along her street week after week with trash falling out of them.

When she goes to her mailbox, she walks past a broken car that has been sitting for at least five years, a broken trailer in a front yard, and a stove on the road. Her mailbox is only three doors down.

She believes there would be benefits to giving that land to the property owner.

She also wondered if the City ever considered a newsletter, even if only quarterly, with information people would want to know. This could go out with the water bill. When people are included, they are more apt to give back.

There is no reason her neighborhood couldn't be nice. If the City doesn't care, you can't expect the people to care.

She attended a meeting where the hot springs were discussed; this is what people want to know about. A newsletter would help make this little city a nice community where everybody gets together and cares. People care when they know.

The idea of people having trailers for their parents to utilize was discussed during a previous meeting, and it was mentioned that the City was five years too soon on it, but she feels the City is five years too late. There are people all over the City living in trailers on someone else's property. She can see two outside her door.

G. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to adjourn, second by Councilman Micah Gubler. The motion was carried unanimously at 7:24 pm.

July 5, 2023
Date Approved

ATTEST: Christy Ballard
Christy Ballard
City Recorder

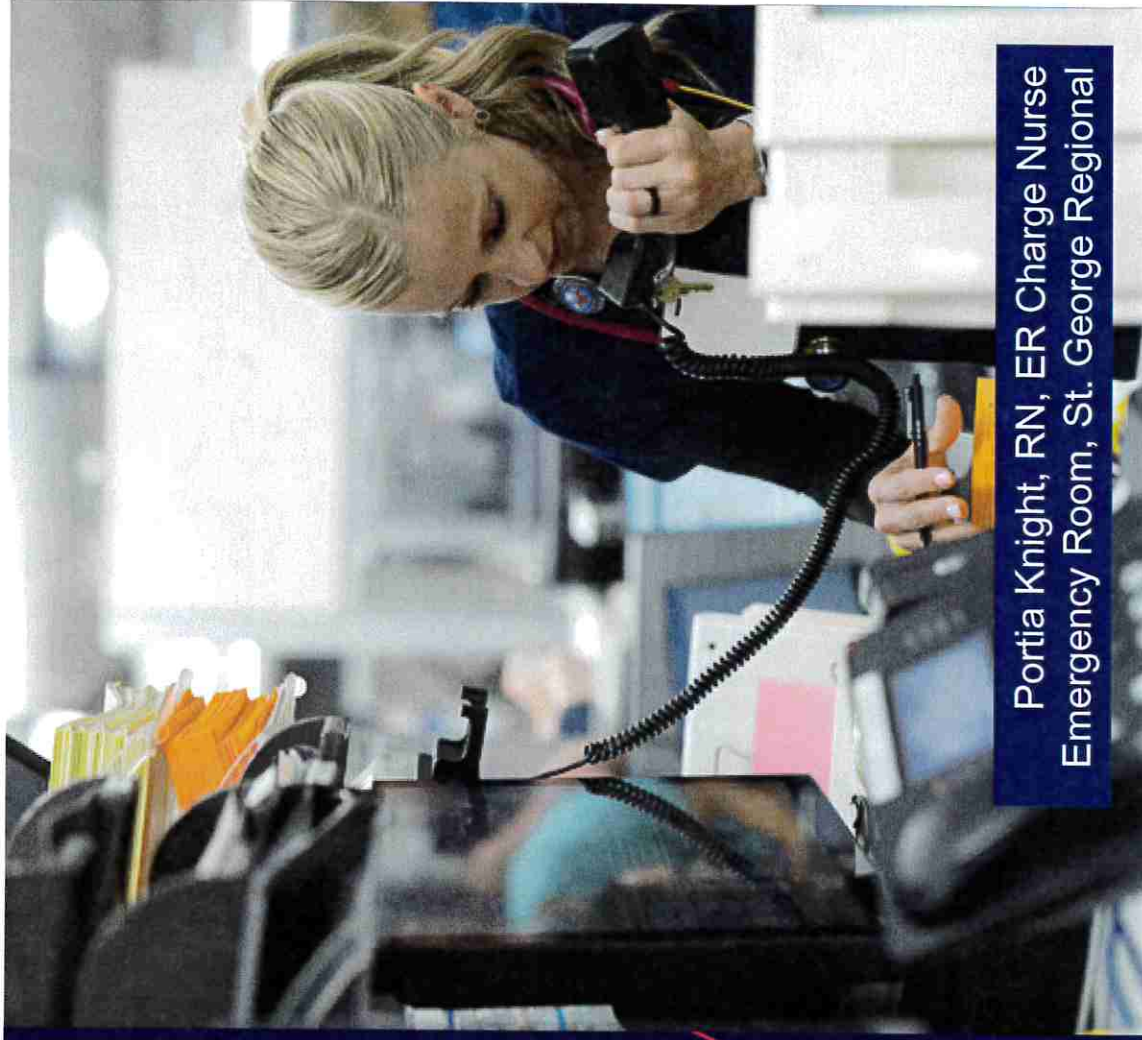
Kelly B. Wilson
Mayor Kelly B. Wilson



What's New for Our Community

St. George Regional Hospital
June 20, 2023

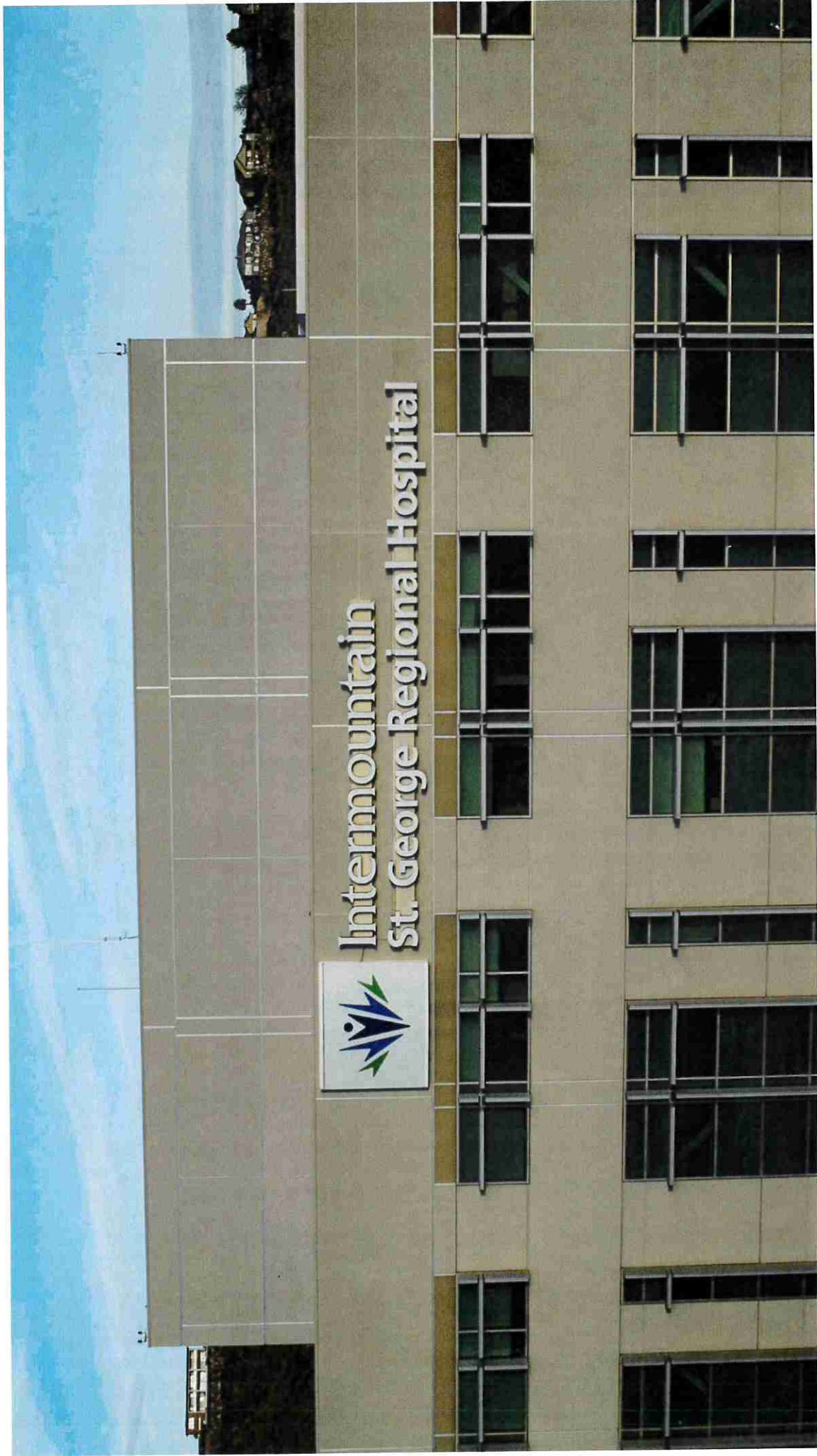
Mitch Cloward,
Hospital President



Portia Knight, RN, ER Charge Nurse
Emergency Room, St. George Regional

Exhibit
A

Intermountain
St. George Regional Hospital

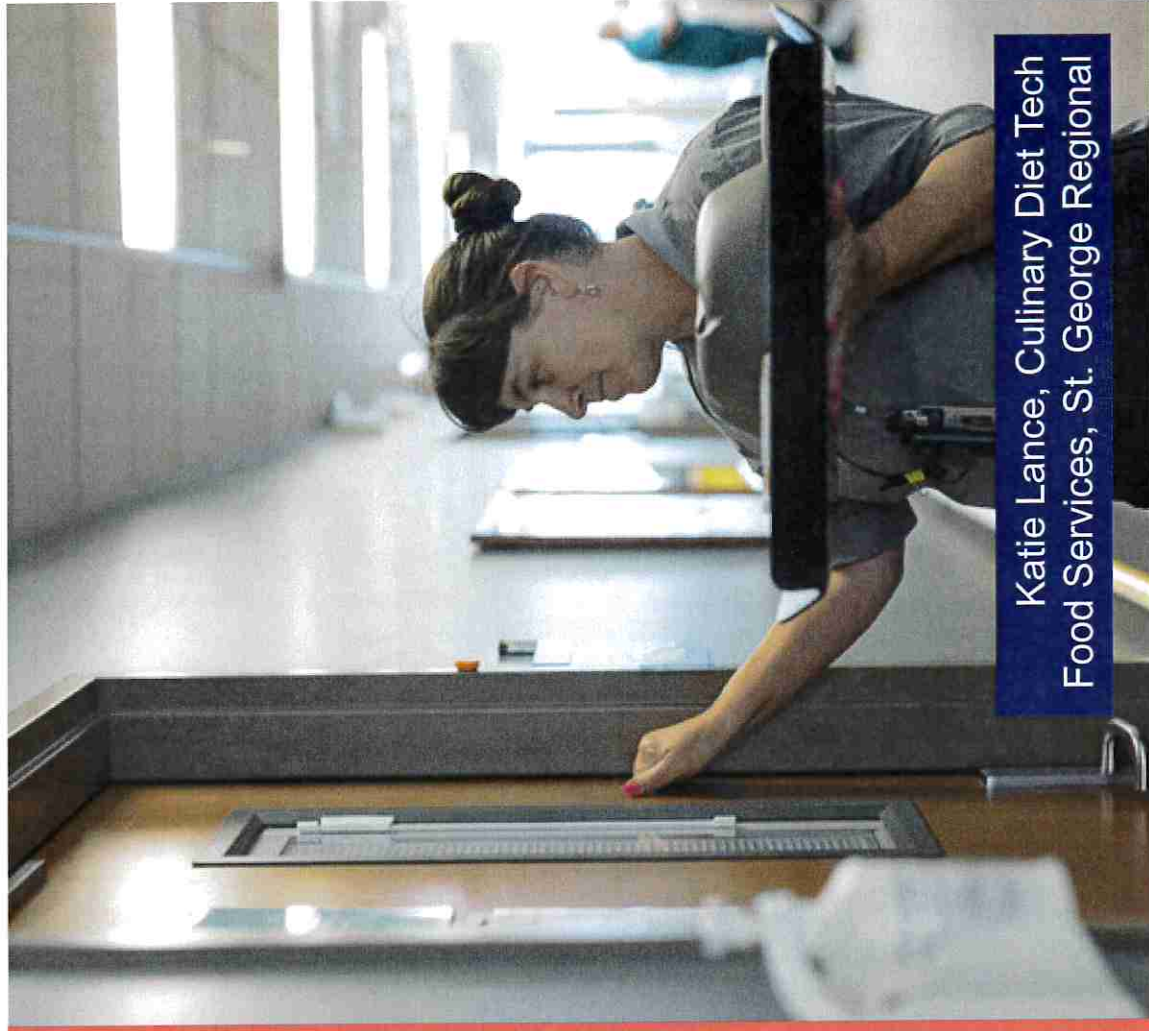
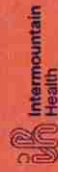


Our Intermountain Health Mission:
Helping People Live
the Healthiest Lives
Possible®



Our Bold Ambition: Be the Model System

Keep people healthier for less
while delivering the best and
most caring experience.



Katie Lance, Culinary Diet Tech
Food Services, St. George Regional

CMS Overall
Quality 5 Stars



Healthgrades Awards
2022



Leapfrog
Safety Grade A:
Since Spring 2019



Newsweek
World's Best Hospitals:
U.S. Recognition



Press Ganey Guardian
of Excellence Award



Press Ganey
Pinnacle of
Excellence Award:
Inpatient



Vizient Birnbaum
Award #8 rank



Joint Commission
Certified in
Stroke, COPD,
Spine and Joint



Ranked #2
Hospital in
Utah and
Rated High
Performing
in these 15
specialties:

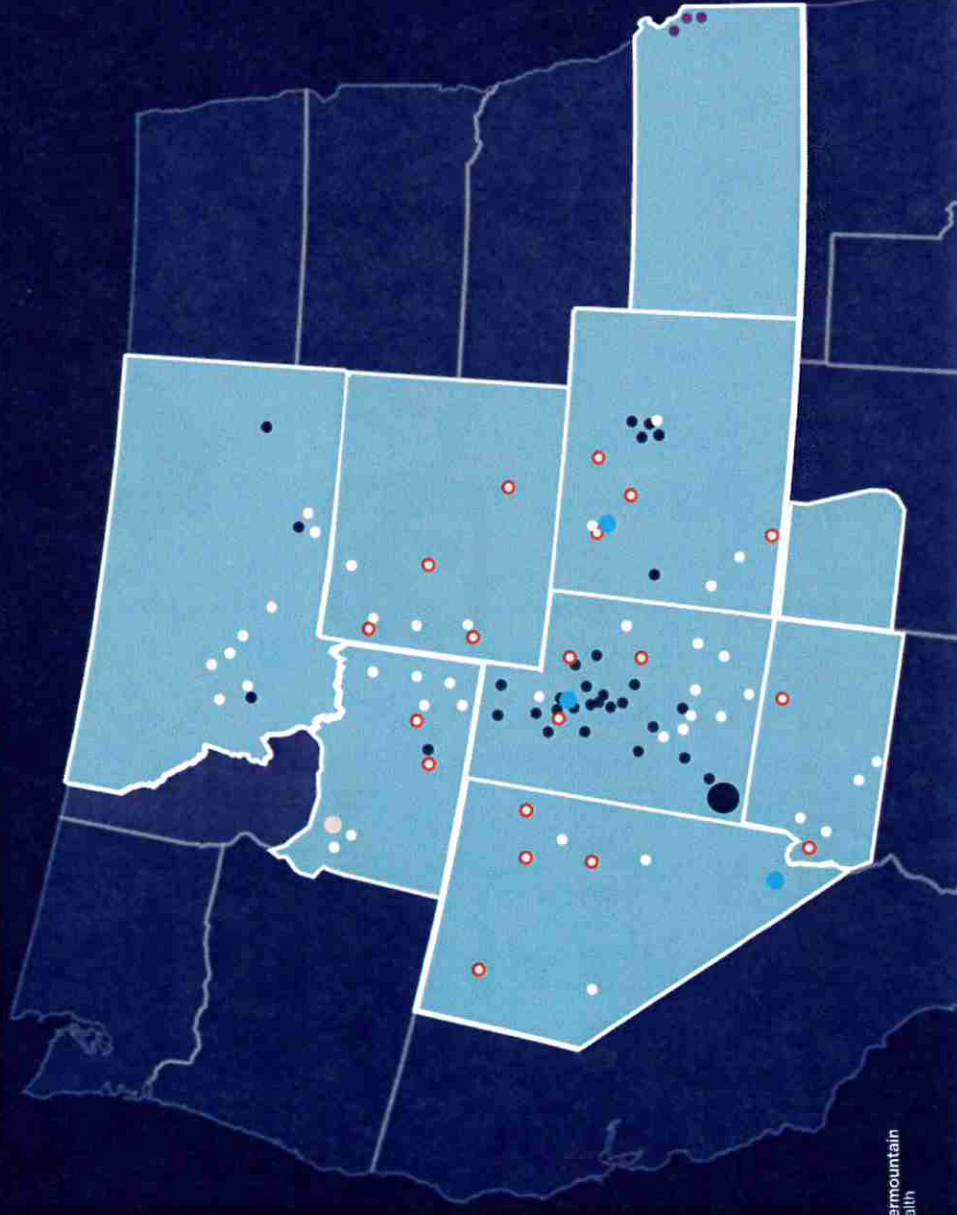
- Aortic Valve Surgery
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair
- Back Surgery (Spinal Fusion)
- Colon Cancer Surgery
- COPD
- Heart Bypass Surgery
- Heart Attack
- Heart Failure
- Hip Fracture
- Hip Replacement
- Kidney Failure
- Maternity Care
- Knee Replacement
- Pneumonia
- Stroke



Ranked #2 Hospital in Utah and Rated High Performing in these 15 specialties:

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Intermountain Health's Current Footprint



- Hospitals
- Region HQ
- Saltzer Health
- Affiliate/Outreach Partnerships
- Classic Air Medical Bases
- Kansas Community Clinics
(Classic Air Base service area includes part of New Mexico)

Intermountain by the Numbers



7 Primary States¹
(UT, NV, ID, CO, MT, KS, WY)



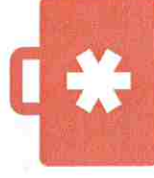
60,000+
Caregivers



33 Hospitals
Including 1
Virtual Hospital



1,049,000
SelectHealth
Members



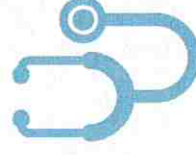
\$13.9 billion²
Total Revenue



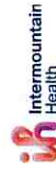
4,800
Licensed Beds



385
Clinics



3,900 Employed
Physicians & APPs

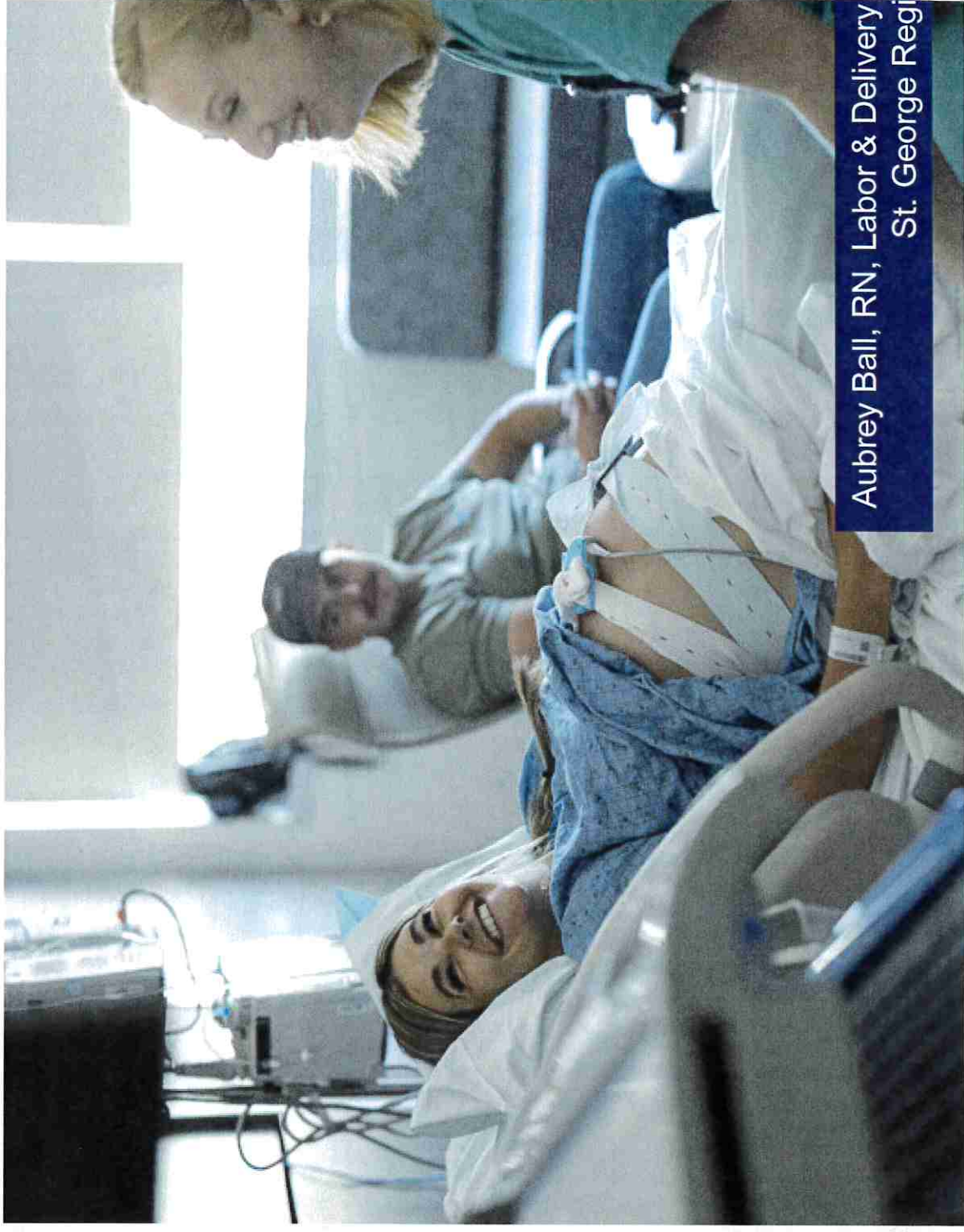


¹ Intermountain also provides air medical transport services in other states through Classic Air Medical
² Revenue for the year ended December 31, 2021

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NOT-FOR- PROFIT

We help meet the diverse healthcare needs of our communities by providing excellent care at the lowest appropriate cost, regardless of the patient's ability to pay.



Aubrey Ball, RN, Labor & Delivery
St. George Regional Hospital

SGRH 2022 Statistics & Accomplishments



2022 Statistics & Accomplishments St. George Regional Hospital

St. George Regional Hospital is a 294-bed hospital and is the major medical referral center for northwestern Arizona, southeastern Nevada, and southern Utah. We are fully accredited by The Joint Commission and serve as a Level II Trauma center, caring for almost all trauma patients (VOP 95% recognition of major pediatric trauma).

LEADERSHIP



Mitchell Cloward
Administrator



Cyndi Gilbert
Governing Board Chair



John Cotnam
Physician/Chief

STATISTICS

	2022	2021
Inpatient Admissions	21,169	20,457
Outpatient Admissions	6,629	6,123
Total Admissions	27,798	26,580
Inpatient Surgeries	4,268	4,098
Outpatient Surgeries	12,072	12,333
ER Visits	64,827	60,451
Births	2,735	2,725
Lab Tests	1,340,122	1,293,062
Imaging Procedures	195,082	190,411
Turnover Rate	16%	17%
New Employees Hired	544	336
Total Employees	2,755	2,624

New Physicians	26
Total Physicians	153
Volunteer Hours	18,532
Total Charity Care	100
*Volunteer statistics were lower in 2021 due to COVID restrictions.	
	\$42,704,056
	11,393*
	105
	535,732,675

HOSPITAL/FACILITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Five Intermountain hospitals named to Newsweek's Best Hospitals in the United States.
- U.S. News & World Report named St. George Regional as the #2 hospital in Utah, rating 15 procedures/conditions as high performing.
- St. George has received straight A's from Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades since 2019.
- St. George Regional received a five-star rating from the CMS Overall Hospital Quality Star rating in 2022.
- St. George Regional earned a 3-star rating (the highest) from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons for its patient care and outcomes in coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) procedures.
- St. George Regional received the 2022 Star with the Guideline Gold Plus award along with the Target: Stroke Honor roll.
- Intermountain Surgery Center - St. George and Southwest Urgent Ortho officially opened in September of 2022.
- St. George Regional received the 2022 Patient Member Performance Award and Simbaum Quality Award ranking #7 out of 118 hospitals.

INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Intermountain hospitals account for four of the five best hospitals in Utah according to U.S. News and World Report's 2022/23 Star Hospital rankings.
- Intermountain was named to Forbes' Best in State Employer list.
- Intermountain caregivers were honored as Healthcare Heroes by Utah Business Magazine for valor during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Intermountain Supply Chain organization received their fourth consecutive Master-level recognition by Gartner.



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GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATUS / PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

State Requirements

- Six standards
- County Board of Equalization conference
- Gift to the community
- Charity plan

Federal Requirements

- Community Health Needs Assessment
- Identification and management of priorities
- Hospital activities reported on Form 990, Schedule H
- \$50,000 excise tax per Hospital if requirements are not met

NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOSPITAL REQUIREMENTS IN UTAH TO RECEIVE CHARITABLE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Must establish that it promotes healthcare, provides financial assistance to the general public, dedicates its property to charitable purposes, and provides Hospital care.

Organizes as a 501 (c) (3) and devotes all revenue & donations for Hospital and healthcare purposes.

Zero net earnings or donations benefit individual shareholders or other individuals.

Admit and treat all people with zero discrimination, treat everyone regardless of ability to pay, offer financial assistance, and provide evidence of the open access.

Governing board is broad and diverse, confers with county board of equalization at least annually, and maintains an active charity plan.

Must establish that the total gift to the community is more than the tax liability.

Use administration and central resources in ways that enhance and improve the governing Hospital's mission.

Board of Trustees



Cyndi Gilbert
Chair



Mitch Cloward
Secretary



Paul Affleck, MD



Eli Bermudez



Elisabeth Bingham



Janice Brooks



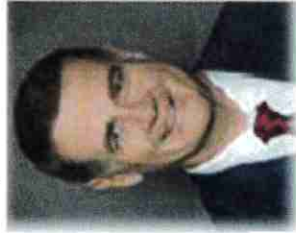
Patrick Carroll, MD



Gayle Carter, MD



Brett Christiansen, MD



John Cottam



Shawn Guzman



Michon Palmer



Diane Shanklin



Wade Steel



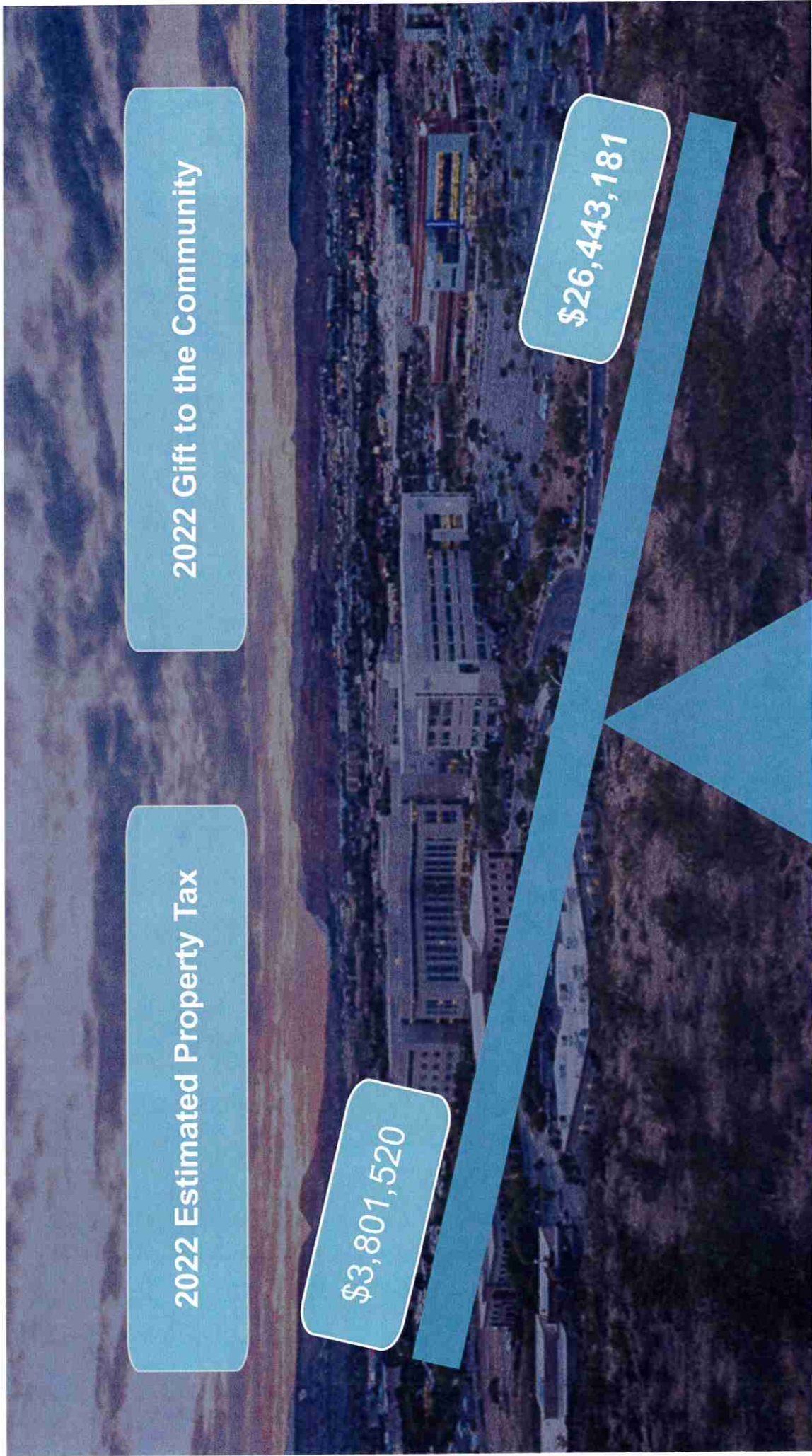
Kristin Williams

2022 Estimated Property Tax

\$3,801,520

2022 Gift to the Community

\$26,443,181



Additional Gifts to the Community

To Improve Health & Improve Healthcare Access

\$515,633

Community
Service &
Education

\$1,737,526

Clinics Serving
Underserved
Populations

\$2,832,479

Health
Professional
Education

\$392,691

Volunteer
Service

Washington County's Community Health Needs

Health Department, local health experts, and public health data revealed three priorities:

01

Improve Mental
Well-Being

02

Improve Chronic &
Avoidable Health
Outcomes

03

Address & Invest in
Social Determinants
of Health

Washington County Community Groups & Intermountain Health

\$4,973,332 in Cash Donations

Doctors Volunteer Clinic of St. George	DOVE Center	Loving Angel Service Dog	Washington County Receiving Center	National Alliance of Mental Illness Utah	Needs Beyond Medicine	Rural Utah Project Education Fund
Southwest Behavioral Health Center	Southwest Utah Public Health Department	United Way of Washington County	Washington County Prevention Coalition	Utah Department of Human Services	Utah Domestic Violence Coalition	Utah Food Bank
Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness	Utah Tech University	Washington County	Washington County Children's Justice Center	Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health	Washington County School District Health Access Project	Youth Futures



We welcome your questions and feedback!