

RESOLUTION 2023-03
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GENOLA
REGARDING THE 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the State of Utah by its State Legislature has made available a pilot project for participation in the alternate voting methods for municipal elections beginning January 1, 2019 and ending on January 1, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Utah Code 20A-4-602, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, allows municipalities to conduct nonpartisan races using ranked choice voting in accordance with the requirements of 20A-4 of the Utah Code and all other applicable provisions of law, during any odd numbered year that the pilot project is in effect, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Genola Utah must provide written notice to the Lieutenant Governor stating that the Town intends to participate in the pilot project for the year specified in the notice, and that includes a document, signed by the election officer of the municipality, stating that the municipality has the resources and capability necessary to participate in the pilot project, and

WHEREAS, the Utah Local Cooperation Act, set out in Utah Code Ann. § 11-13-101 et seq. (the "Act") provides that two local governmental entities are authorized to enter into agreement with each other, upon resolution of the governing body of each of the parties, to do what each entity is authorized by law to perform;

WHEREAS, Utah County and the Town of Genola are governmental entities as contemplated in the Act;

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Genola has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Utah County for certain services related to the Town's 2023 Municipal Election

WHEREAS, the Town of Genola Council finds that it would be in the best interest of Genola and of its citizens to hold its 2023 municipal election by ranked choice voting,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GENOLA:

1. Ranked Choice Voting. The Town Council hereby adopts ranked choice voting for the 2023 municipal election.
2. Notice. This resolution gives notice to the Lieutenant Governor that Genola will enter the pilot project by use of ranked choice voting for its 2023 municipal elections.

3. Authority. The Mayor, Town Attorney, and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to cause the 2023 Town of Genola Municipal Election to be held in accordance with the ranked choice voting process.
4. Approval of Agreement. The attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreement 2023-02 with Utah County is hereby approved, and the Mayor and Town Recorder are authorized and directed to execute the attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreement on behalf of the Town;
5. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions. To the extent that any resolution previously adopted by the Town of Genola conflicts with the provisions of this Resolution, it is hereby amended, invalidated or, replaced by the provisions hereof; and
6. Effective date. This resolution shall take effect immediately after being adopted by the Town Council of Genola in a public meeting.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Genola, State of Utah on the 15th day of March, 2023, by the following Vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Martin Larson	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Neil Brown	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Hale Robison	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Grant Lundberg	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Stan Judd	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

TOWN OF GENOLA:

ATTEST:

Martin Larson
By: Martin Larson
Its: Mayor

Lucinda Thomas
By: Lucinda Thomas
Its: Town Clerk/Recorder

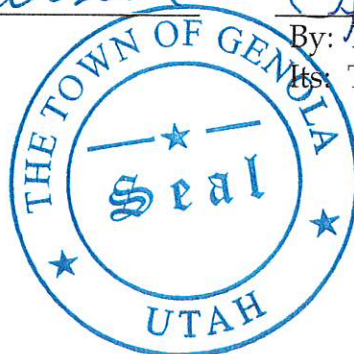


Exhibit A
2023 Municipal Elections
Scope of Work for Election Services
Revised 27 February 2023

Services the City will provide, include, but are not limited to:

- All administrative functions related to candidate filing.
- All administrative functions related to financial disclosure requirements by state code and/or city code.
- Publish Public Notices as required by law. The City may work with the County to publish notices jointly with other jurisdictions.
- Accept responsibility to keep candidates and the public up-to-date and informed on all legal requirements governing candidates, campaigns, deadlines, and recounts.
- Thoroughly examine and proof all election ballots and provide final approval.
- Host on the City website a link to or copy of the unofficial reported results as hosted on the County Elections webpage prior to certification, the official reported results as hosted on the County Elections webpage after certification, the location of the county-owned ballot drop boxes, and a link to the website for voters to opt-in to receive ballot alert texts.
- City will not change the format or otherwise alter the unofficial or official reported results, only displaying them in the form and format as provided by the County.
- City will canvass the final election results 7 days after Election Day, or a date prescribed by the County Clerk.

Annexations or other boundary changes impacting the administration of the municipal elections need to be submitted to the County prior to June 1, 2023. Annexation changes submitted on or after June 1, 2023, will not be incorporated into this election.

The City acknowledges that this Interlocal Agreement relates to a municipal ballot and election and as required by state statute, the City Clerk/Recorder is the Election Officer.

The City will provide the County Clerk with information, decisions, and resolutions and will take appropriate actions required for the conduct of the election in a timely manner. The City agrees to consolidate all elections administration functions and decisions in the office of the County Clerk to ensure the successful conduct of multiple, simultaneous municipal elections.

In a consolidated election, decisions made by the County regarding resources, procedures, and policies are based upon providing the same scope and level of service to all the participating jurisdictions and the City recognizes that such decisions, made for the benefit of the whole, may not be subject to review by the City.

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN UTAH COUNTY
AND GENOLA CITY
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

THIS IS AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT (Agreement), made and entered into by and between Utah County, a political subdivision of the State of Utah, and GENOLA City a Utah municipality and political subdivision of the State of Utah, hereinafter referred to as CITY.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act (“Act”), Title 11, Chapter 13, Utah Code, public agencies, including political subdivisions of the State of Utah as therein defined, are authorized to enter into written agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the parties desire to work together through joint and cooperative action that will benefit the residents of both Utah County and CITY; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement are public agencies as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, Utah County and CITY desire to successfully conduct the 2023 CITY Municipal Primary (August 15) and General (November 7) Elections (collectively “2023 CITY Municipal Elections”); and

WHEREAS, it is to the mutual benefit of both Utah County and CITY to enter into an agreement providing for the parties’ joint efforts to administer the 2023 CITY Municipal Elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties do mutually agree, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Act, as follows:

Section 1. EFFECTIVE DATE; DURATION

This Agreement shall become effective and shall enter into force, within the meaning of the Act, upon the submission of this Agreement to, and the approval and execution thereof by Resolution of the governing bodies of each of the parties to this Agreement. The term of this Agreement shall be from the effective date hereof until the completion of the parties' responsibilities associated with the 2023 CITY Municipal Elections or until terminated but is no longer than 1 year from the date of this Agreement. This Agreement shall not become effective until it has been reviewed and approved as to form and compatibility with the laws of the State of Utah by the Utah County Attorney and the attorney for CITY. Prior to becoming effective, this Agreement shall be filed with the person who keeps the records of each of the parties hereto.

Section 2. ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT

The parties to this Agreement do not contemplate nor intend to establish a separate legal entity under the terms of this Agreement. The parties hereto agree that, pursuant to Section 11-13-207, Utah Code, Utah County, by and through the Utah County Clerk Elections Office, shall act as the administrator responsible for the administration of this Agreement. The parties further agree that this Agreement does not anticipate nor provide for any organizational changes in the parties. The administrator agrees to keep all books and records in such form and manner as Utah County shall specify and further agrees that said books shall be open for examination by the parties hereto at all reasonable times. The parties agree that they will not acquire, hold nor dispose of real or personal property pursuant to this Agreement during this joint undertaking.

Section 3. PURPOSES

This Agreement has been established and entered into between the parties for the purpose of administering the 2023 CITY Municipal Elections. This Agreement contemplates basic,

traditional primary and general elections (including ranked-choice voting, if applicable) for the 2023 CITY Municipal Elections. All other election-related services, including but not limited to services for special elections or elections for subsequent years, will need to be agreed to in a separate writing signed by both parties.

Section 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

The parties agree to fulfill the responsibilities and duties as contained in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and by this reference is incorporated herein for the 2023 CITY Municipal Elections.

CITY agrees to pay to Utah County the actual cost of County's administration of the 2023 CITY Municipal Elections which cost shall not exceed the estimated costs as contained in Exhibit B which is attached hereto and by this reference is incorporated herein. CITY agrees to pay to County the cost as contemplated herein within 30 days of receiving an invoice from County.

Section 5. METHOD OF TERMINATION

This Agreement will automatically terminate at the end of its term herein, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph one (1) of this Agreement. Prior to the automatic termination at the end of the term of this Agreement, any party to this Agreement may terminate the Agreement sixty days after providing written notice of termination to the other parties. Should the Agreement be terminated prior to the end of the stated term, CITY will be responsible for any costs incurred, including costs not then incurred but which are contemplated herein and irreversible at the time of termination such as return mailing costs, through the time of termination. The Parties to this Agreement agree to bring current, prior to termination, any financial obligation contained herein.

Section 6. INDEMNIFICATION

The parties to this Agreement are political subdivisions of the State of Utah. The parties

agree to indemnify and hold harmless the other for damages, claims, suits, and actions arising out of a negligent error or omission of its own officials or employees in connection with this Agreement. It is expressly agreed between the parties that the obligation to indemnify is limited to the dollar amounts set forth in the Governmental Immunity Act, Section 63G-7-604.

Section 7. FILING OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Executed copies of this Agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the County Clerk of Utah County and with the official keeper of records of CITY, and shall remain on file for public inspection during the term of this Agreement.

Section 8. ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS

This Agreement shall be (a) approved by Resolution of the governing body of each of the parties, (b) executed by a duly authorized official of each of the parties (c) submitted to and approved by an Authorized Attorney of each of the parties, as required by Section 11-13-202.5, Utah Code, and (d) filed in the official records of each party.

Section 9. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may not be amended, changed, modified or altered except by an instrument in writing which shall be (a) approved by Resolution of the governing body of each of the parties, (b) executed by a duly authorized official of each of the parties, (c) submitted to and approved by an Authorized Attorney of each of the parties, as required by Section 11-13-205.5, Utah Code, and (d) filed in the official records of each party.

Section 10. SEVERABILITY

If any term or provision of the Agreement or the application thereof shall to any extent be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to circumstances other than those with respect to which it is invalid or unenforceable,

shall not be affected thereby, and shall be enforced to the extent permitted by law. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the parties hereby waive any provision of law which would render any of the terms of this Agreement unenforceable.

Section 11. NO PRESUMPTION

Should any provision of this Agreement require judicial interpretation, the Court interpreting or construing the same shall not apply a presumption that the terms hereof shall be more strictly construed against the party, by reason of the rule of construction that a document is to be construed more strictly against the person who himself or through his agents prepared the same, it being acknowledged that each of the parties have participated in the preparation hereof.

Section 12. HEADINGS

Headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered any interpretation of the Agreement.

Section 13. BINDING AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, successors, administrators, and assigns of each of the parties hereto.

Section 14. NOTICES

All notices, demands and other communications required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly given if delivered by hand or by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage paid, to the parties at the addresses of the City Mayor or County Commission, or at such other addresses as may be designated by notice given hereunder.

Section 15. ASSIGNMENT

The parties to this Agreement shall not assign this Agreement, or any part hereof, without

the prior written consent of all other parties to this Agreement. No assignment shall relieve the original parties from any liability hereunder.

Section 16. GOVERNING LAW

All questions with respect to the construction of this Agreement, and the rights and liability of the parties hereto, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Utah.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed and executed this Agreement, after resolutions duly and lawfully passed, on the dates listed below:

UTAH COUNTY

Authorized by Resolution No. 2023 - ____, authorized and passed on the ____ day of

_____, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UTAH COUNTY, UTAH

By: _____
AMELIA POWERS GARDNER, Chair

ATTEST: AARON R. DAVIDSON
Utah County Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND COMPATIBILITY
WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF UTAH:
JEFFREY S. GRAY, Utah County Attorney

By: _____
Deputy County Attorney

CITY

Authorized by Resolution No. 2023-02, authorized and passed on the 15 day of

March 2023.

Martini Zauer
Mayor, CITY

ATTEST:

Quinn Thomas
NAME
CITY Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND COMPATIBILITY
WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF UTAH
CITY Attorney

By: [Signature]

