

**SPECIAL JOINT INFORMATION PROCEEDINGS
TOWN COUNCIL AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

DECEMBER 30, 2020

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council met in conjunction with the Teton County Commission in a special joint information meeting (JIM) located in the County Commissioner's Chambers at 200 S. Willow Street at 8:31 AM. Upon roll call the following were present:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: *In-person* none. *via Zoom*: Chairwoman Natalia Macker, Vice-Chairman Greg Epstein, and Mark Barron. Commissioner Newcomb joined after the roll call. Luther Propst was absent.

TOWN COUNCIL: *In-person*: none. *via Zoom*: Mayor Pete Muldoon, Arne Jorgensen and Jim Stanford and Jonathan Schechter. Hailey Morton Levinson was absent.

STAFF: Alyssa Watkins, Keith Gingery, Darren Brugmann, Larry Pardee, Lea Colasuonno, Roxanne Robinson, Maureen Murphy, and (in-person) Chalice Weichman.

I. CONSIDERATION OF START BUS CAPACITY. Darren Brugmann, START Director, presented to the Commission and the Council a request to consider a policy decision regarding the level of capacity to allow on START buses. Previously the State of Wyoming had considered START buses to be covered by State Order #2. On December 29, 2020, the State of Wyoming made an interpretation that all government operated buses were exempt from State Order #2, which had limited bus capacity to 25% of total capacity beginning December 9, 2020. With the new interpretation by the State of Wyoming that government operated buses were exempt from State Order #2, the decision regarding capacity of START buses was left to the Town Council and Board of County Commissioners.

Town and County were asked to consider the following options:

- a. Follow START Board capacity recommendations of October 29th: (75% of seated capacity)
- b. Remain at current capacity levels (25% of total capacity as per the current State Order #2)

Susan Mick, START Board, provided information on current capacity allowed on START busses and answered questions from the Council and Commission. Jared Smith, START Board, answered questions from the Council and Commission.

There was no public comment.

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Epstein that the START buses, excluding those on the commuter lines, operate with a maximum rider capacity equal to 75% of the seats on the bus. There was discussion on the motion. Chairwoman Macker called for a vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried 4-0 for the County.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Councilman Stanford and seconded by Councilman Schechter that the START buses, excluding those on the commuter lines, operate with a maximum rider capacity equal to 75% of the seats on the bus. Mayor Muldoon called for a vote. The vote showed three in favor with Councilman Jorgenson opposed, and the motion carried 3-1 for the Town.

III. ADJOURN.

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Epstein to adjourn. Chairwoman Macker called for a vote. The vote showed four in favor and the motion carried 4-0 for the County.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Mayor Muldoon and seconded by Councilman Stanford to adjourn. Mayor Muldoon called for a vote. The vote showed four in favor and the motion carried 4-0 for the Town. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m. minutes: cw

TOWN OF JACKSON

ATTEST:

Pete Muldoon, Mayor

Sandra P. Birdyshaw, Town Clerk
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