

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

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council and the Teton County Board of County Commissioners met in a special session for the purpose of a joint retreat. This meeting was held virtually through the Zoom platform. Upon roll call the following were found to be present at 9:05 a.m.:

TOWN COUNCIL: *In-person*: none. *via Zoom*: Mayor Hailey Morton Levinson, Vice-Mayor Arne Jorgensen, Jessica Sell Chambers, and Jonathan Schechter. Jim Rooks joined at 9:07 a.m.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: *In-person* none. *via Zoom*: Chair Natalia Macker, Vice-Chair Luther Propst, Greg Epstein, and Mark Newcomb. Mark Barron joined at 9:09 a.m.

STAFF: Larry Pardee, Roxanne Robinson, Tyler Sinclair, Lea Colasuonno, Floren Poliseo, Kelly Thompson, Johnny Ziem, Michelle Weber, Paul Anthony, Susan Scarlata, Alyssa Watkins, April Norton, Brady Hansen, Chris Neubecker, Heather Overholser, Jodie Pond, Katie Smits, Matt Carr, Melissa Shinkle, Mo Murphy, Rich Ochs, Riclyn Betsinger, Steve Ashworth, Tracey Trefren, and Sandy Birdyshaw.

FACILITATOR: Heather Bergman, Peak Facilitation Group

Opening. Heather Bergman welcomed the group and introduced the agenda for the retreat.

Town/County Relationship: What is the Ideal Case?

Discussion was held on common understandings, working together, respecting jurisdictions, recognizing funding policies, keeping communication open, and working relationships.

Town/County Relationship: What is the Current Condition?

Discussion was held on how the joint relationship was working – monthly meetings and regular check-ins, staff works well together, and communication. Relationship areas identified for improvement included sometimes overstepping jurisdiction, water quality and wastewater, governance and funding of START, providing better clarity of policy and funding, communications and respect, understanding each entity's constraints, aligning challenges and solutions, uniting to add community value, and sharing strategies.

The meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m. and reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

Budgets, Revenues, and Joint Powers Agreements.

Larry Pardee, Mo Murphy, and Katie Smits presented an overview of budget funds at the Town and at the County, joint departments, joint powers boards, joint powers agreements, Victim Services, Animal Shelter, and Long-Range Planning. The Council and Commission held discussion.

The meeting recessed at 11:32 a.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

Joint Efforts: Stay the Course. Adjust / Revise the Current Approach.

Heather Bergman facilitated afternoon discussion including what joint initiatives to stay on course with, what initiatives to change their current approach on, and new joint efforts.

Joint initiatives placed in the 'stay the course' category included Parks and Recreation, Pathways, Victim Services, Dispatch, Animal Control, Drug Court, Travel and Tourism Board, Museum Board, and Energy Conservation Works. There was lengthy discussion on START and a Regional Transit Authority, followed by discussion on water quality, ecosystems services, environmental protection, and understanding infrastructure capacities.

The meeting recessed at 2:57 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m.

Potential New Joint Efforts: Scoping, Funding, and Governance.

The Council and Commission discussed community funding of services and priorities, the long-range planning staff, options for facilitating childcare opportunities, North South Park infrastructure, health and human service organizations, fair grounds lease, housing department and structure, Fire/EMS, and a 2022 comprehensive plan review.

Chris Neubecker and Tyler Sinclair made staff comment about long-range planning and comprehensive plan.

Heather Bergman facilitated the Council and Commission in an exercise to rank priorities for future discussion, budgeting and joint work.

Mark Barron left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Larry Pardee and Alyssa Watkins made comment on digesting the information and next steps.

Adjourn. On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Jessica Sell Chambers and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to adjourn. The vote showed 5-0 in favor and the motion carried for the Town.

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Greg Epstein and seconded by Mark Newcomb to adjourn. The vote showed 4-0 in favor with Barron absent. The motion carried for the County. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m. minutes:spb

TOWN OF JACKSON

ATTEST:

Hailey Morton Levinson, Mayor

Sandra P. Birdyshaw, Town Clerk

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