

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

DECEMBER 6, 2021

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council met virtually in conjunction with the Teton County Commission in a joint information meeting (JIM) located in the County Commissioner's Chambers at 200 S. Willow St. at 1:32 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL. Upon roll call the following were present:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Chairwoman Natalia Macker, Vice-Chairman, Mark Barron, and Greg Epstein were present at roll-call at 1:32 P.M. Luther Propst and Mark Barron joined after roll call.

TOWN COUNCIL: Mayor Hailey Morton Levinson, Vice-Mayor Arne Jorgensen, Jim Rooks, Jonathan Schechter and Jessica Sell Chambers.

STAFF: Staff Were not present for item II; Joint Volunteer Board Interviews, and joined the meeting at the beginning of the regular JIM Agenda at 2:30 P.M.

The following Staff joined the meeting at 2:30 P.M.: Larry Pardee, Jodie Pond, Keith Gingery, Lea Colasuonno, Alyssa Watkins, Maureen Murphy, Lynsey Lenamond, Roxanne Robinson, April Norton, Tyler Sinclair, Sarah Mann, Floren Poliseo, and Chalice Weichman.

II. JOINT VOLUNTEER BOARD INTERVIEWS. The interviews were conducted in a private Zoom meeting but were streamed in the Commissioners' Chambers for any interested member of the public. The following applicants were interviewed for the Pathways Taskforce and START Boards:

A. Pathways Taskforce

1. Theresa Lundquist
2. Lindley Kunce
3. Stephania Fram
4. Garrett Lynch

Phil Leeds also applied to the Pathways Taskforce but withdrew his application due to scheduling conflicts.

B. START Board

1. Elizabeth Eisen
2. Dave Asmussen
3. Deborah Supowit
4. Wes Gardner

Vikki Howell also applied to the START Board and her application has been withdrawn.

III. WORKSHOP: TC Behavioral Health Needs Assessment. Laurie Andrews, Community Foundation of Jackson Hole President, Abigail Ridgeway of FSG, Lindsay Long, St. John's Health, Deidre Ashley, Jackson Hole Community Counseling Director, Sarah Cavallaro, Teton Youth and Family Services Director, and Jodie Pond, Director of Health, and Miya Cane of FSG gave a report on behavioral health services and needs in Teton County.

The meeting recessed at 3:12 P.M. and reconvened at 3:17 P.M.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT. Public comment was given by Rebecca Bextell regarding the first/last deposit program; by Carolyn Worth, regarding Community Entry Services needs; and by Blair Moss regarding affordable housing.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A. Meeting Minutes. To approve the meeting minutes for the October 25, 2021 and November 1, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Commissioner Epstein and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the consent calendar for today's joint information meeting that includes the minutes for the October 25, 2021 and November 1, 2021 meetings. Chairwoman Macker called for a vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried for the County.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Councilmember Schechter and seconded by Councilmember Jorgensen to approve the consent calendar for today's joint information meeting that includes the minutes for the October 25, 2021 and November 1, 2021 meetings. Mayor Morton Levinson called for a vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried for the Town.

IV. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

A. First/Last Deposit Program Pilot. April Norton, Housing Director, and Sharel Lund, One22 Resource Center Director, presented to the Commission and Council for consideration of approval a Contract for Services with One22 Resource Center to administer the First / Last / Deposit Program Pilot for qualifying individuals and families.

Annually, the Housing Director presents a Housing Supply Plan ("HSP") that is a rolling five-year plan for Affordable and Workforce housing to the Board and Council. The Board and Council approved the 2021 HSP at the May Joint Information Meeting. The 2021 HSP proposes a First / Last / Deposit Program Pilot to assist members of the local workforce in securing rental housing. The HSP states that:

- 1) This pilot program will be a collaborative effort with community stakeholders.
- 2) The program will launch Fall 2021.
- 3) The budget for the program pilot is \$50,000.

Since the approval of the 2021 HSP, staff has been working with One22 Resource Center and other stakeholders to refine the pilot program so that it can meet the current community needs and utilize existing programmatic structures if possible.

Public comment was given by Rebecca Bextell, Julien Hass, and Clair Stumpf.

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Commissioner Propst and seconded by Commissioner Macker to direct and authorize the Jackson Teton County Housing Authority Board to execute the Contract for Services for the First / Last / Deposit Program Pilot with One22 Resource Center, as presented in the draft attached to the staff report. Chairwoman Macker called for the vote. The vote showed two in favor and the motion failed 2-3 for the County with Commissioners Epstein, Barron, and Newcomb opposed.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Councilmember Chambers and seconded by Councilmember Jorgensen to direct and authorize the Jackson Teton County Housing Authority Board to execute the Contract for Services for the First / Last / Deposit Program Pilot with One22 Resource Center, as presented in the draft attached to the staff report with the inclusion of a minimum lease of 6-months. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed four in favor and the motion carried 4-1 for the Town with Councilman Rooks opposed.

B. Timing of Next SPET Election. The Town and County will determine when and what items to place on the ballot for Specific Purpose Excise Tax initiatives.

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Commissioner Epstein and seconded by Commissioner Propst to continue this item to the January 2022 Joint Information Meeting. Chairwoman Macker called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried for the County.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Councilmember Jorgensen and seconded by Councilmember Schechter to continue this item to the January 2022 Joint Information Meeting. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried for the Town.

C. Executive Session. Pursuant to WY Statute §16-4-405(a)(ii), to consider appointments of Board Members as Public Officers

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Commissioner Epstein and seconded by Commissioner Propst to continue the executive session to a date uncertain. Chairwoman Macker called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried for the County.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Councilmember Chambers and seconded by Councilmember Jorgensen to continue the executive session to a date uncertain. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried for the Town.

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 all in favor and the motion carried for the County.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Councilmember Chambers and seconded by Councilmember Schechter to adjourn. Mayor Morton Levinson called for a vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried for the Town.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 P.M.

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Natalia D. Macker, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Maureen E. Murphy, County Clerk