

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

December 4, 2023

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council met in conjunction with the Teton County Commission in a joint information meeting (JIM) located in the County Commissioner's Chambers located at 200 S. Willow St. at 1:34 P.M.

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Luther Propst, Chair, Natalia Macker, Vice-Chair, and Wes Gardner. Greg Epstein and Mark Newcomb were absent.

TOWN COUNCIL: Mayor Hailey Morton Levinson, Arne Jorgensen, Jim Rooks, and Jonathan Schechter. Jessica Sell Chambers joined the meeting at 1:36 P.M.

STAFF: Maureen Murphy, Tyler Sinclair, Johnny Ziem, Charlotte Frei, Bruce Abel, Alyssa Watkins, Lea Colasuonno, and Rose Robertson.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Crista Valentino provided updates for the Travel and Tourism Board.

Marty Camino provided updates for the Center for the Arts.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A. Meeting Minutes. To approve the meeting minutes for the November 7, 2023 meeting as presented.

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Commissioner Gardner and seconded by Commissioner Macker to approve the minutes for the November 7, 2023 meeting. Chair Propst called for a vote. The vote showed three in favor and the vote carried 3-0 for the County.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Councilmember Schechter and seconded by Councilmember Jorgensen to approve the minutes for the November 7, 2023 meeting. Mayor Morton Levinson called for a vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried for the Town.

IV. MATTERS FROM COUNCIL, COMMISSIONERS, AND STAFF

A. Regional Transportation Task Force Agreement

Charlotte Frei, Regional Transportation Planning Administrator, presented to the Boards updates regarding the Regional Transportation Task Force conclusion of Phase 1A.

The goal of Phase 1A was to initiate partnership and understand the appetite for collaboration on transportation issues. The attached Working Agreement documents consensus among the Task Force regarding goals for continued collaboration. The prior stated goal of phase 1B (2024) was to continue to build partnership and processes, potentially establishing an RTA, while the RTPA continued to track peer communities and national trends regarding Rural Transportation Planning Organizations. The Task Force has also begun to establish processes for identifying regional needs (Phase 1B), and a Regional Needs Assessment project will be a key Task Force activity in 2024. Several, but not all, task force members have expressed interest in further exploring a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and associated taxing district, but clarity regarding specific project and program needs is desirable to establish functional objectives of an RTA or more regional JPA. Thus, the revised goal of phase 1B is to continue building relationships and documenting transportation needs through a 'Regional Needs Assessment' effort. Over the next year, staff and the Task Force will gain more information to move closer to an agreement for an RTA, a regional transportation vision and plan, and/or dedicated revenue sources for funding capital improvements and transportation programs.

Charlotte Frei answered questions from the Boards.

There was no public comment.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Councilmember Rooks and seconded by Councilmember Sell Chambers to affirm the Greater Teton Regional Transportation Task Force Working Agreement as presented, and, furthermore, direct staff to:

1. Continue administrative leadership of the Regional Transportation Task Force in calendar year 2024, including advancing the regional needs assessment study scope of work in partnership with FHWA Federal Lands.
2. Work with Lincoln County, WY and Town of Alpine, WY for up to 120 hours in 2024 to identify park-and-ride/vehicle storage facility locations and initiate feasibility and conceptual planning for potential START service expansion.
3. Work for up to 120 hours in 2024 toward community mobility improvements for Teton County, ID; Driggs, ID; and Victor, ID. This may include feasibility and conceptual planning activities; developing preliminary cost estimates for capital, operations, and maintenance; or other transportation planning activities within the time allocated.
4. Work for up to 120 hours in 2024 with Pinedale and Sublette County, Wyoming to coordinate as appropriate regarding Pinedale's Transportation Master Plan.

Mayor Morton Levinson called for a vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried for the Town.

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Commissioner Macker and seconded by Commissioner Gardner affirm the Greater Teton Regional Transportation Task Force Working Agreement as presented, and, furthermore, direct staff to:

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Chair Propst called for a vote. The vote showed two in favor and the vote carried 2-1 with Chair Propst opposed.

B. START Budget Amendment

Bruce Abel, Transit Director, presented to the Commission and Council for consideration of approval an amendment to the adopted Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 24) Southern Teton Area Rapid Transit (START) budget as described in the following amendment:

START's original FY24 budget request anticipated the provision of all of START's fixed-route bus services utilizing only START employees and vehicles. Given the number of new drivers that we have been able to hire for the winter season and given the challenges currently associated with START's Proterra bus sub-fleet, it is START's recommendation that we secure the services of a contracted bus service provider to supplement START's directly operated fixed-route bus service for the upcoming winter season.

Bruce Abel answered questions from the Board and Council.

There was no public comment.

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Commissioner Gardner and seconded by Commissioner Macker to approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 START Operations budget for the provision of START fixed-route contracted services in the amount of \$247,000. Chair Propst called for a vote. The vote showed three in favor and the vote carried 3-0 for the County.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Councilmember Rooks and seconded by Councilmember Schechter to approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 START Operations budget for the provision of START fixed-route contracted services in the amount of \$247,000. Mayor Morton Levinson called for a 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 Macker and seconded by Commissioner Gardner to adjourn. Chair Propst called for a vote. The vote showed three in favor and the vote carried 3-0 for the County.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Councilmember Schecter and seconded by Councilmember Jorgensen 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 2:41 P.M.

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Luther Propst, Chair

ATTEST:

Maureen E. Murphy, County Clerk

TOWN OF JACKSON

Hailey Morton Levinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Riley Taylor, Town Clerk