

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

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council and the Teton County Board of County Commissioners met in a special joint information meeting (JIM) at 1:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers located at 150 East Pearl Avenue in Jackson. This meeting was held in-person and through the Zoom platform. Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

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

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

STAFF: Tyler Sinclair, Roxanne Robinson, Lea Colasuonno, Floren Poliseo, Michelle Weber, Paul Anthony, Tanya Anderson, Susan Scarlata, and Riley Taylor.

Public Comment. Megan Quinn made public comment.

Consent Calendar. There was no public comment on the consent calendar. On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Arne Jorgensen and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to approve the consent calendar including item A as presented with the following motion. On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Greg Epstein and seconded by Wes Gardner to approve the consent calendar including item A as presented with the following motion.

A. **Meeting Minutes.** To approve meeting minutes from December 4, 2023 Regular Joint Information Meeting, December 11, 2023 Special Joint Information Meeting, and December 12, 2023 Special Joint Information Meeting.

On behalf of the Town, Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried for the Town.

On behalf of the County, Acting Chair Newcomb called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried for the County.

Comprehensive Plan Indicator Report – Contract Award. Ryan Hostetter and Tyler Sinclair made staff comment. Council and Commission held discussion with staff. Alex Norton with LegacyWorks made consultant comment. Kate Shelby made public comment. On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Arne Jorgensen to approve the selection of LegacyWorks Group for support for the Joint Comprehensive Plan Indicator Report and agree to reimburse Teton County for one-half the cost of the Consultant Agreement in a cost not to exceed \$34,491.50 for the Town of Jackson. A friendly amendment was made to also approve an annual fee of \$3,000. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed 3-2 with Mayor Morton Levinson, Arne Jorgensen, and Jonathan Schechter in favor and Jim Rooks and Jessica Sell Chambers opposed. The motion carried for the Town.

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Wes Gardner and seconded by Greg Epstein to approve the Consultant Agreement between Teton County and LegacyWorks Group for support for the Joint Comprehensive Plan Indicator Report in a cost not to exceed \$68,983, and an additional \$3,000 annual fee. Acting Chair Newcomb called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried for the County.

Council recessed at 3:00pm and reconvened at 3:10pm.

Joint Funding Taskforce Discussion. Tyler Sinclair made staff comment. Council and Commission held discussion with staff. There was no public comment. On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Jessica Sell Chambers and seconded by Jim Rooks to direct staff to place on a future Joint Information Meeting discussion of the following: financial or economic development consultant to provide a comprehensive analysis of our financial landscape in order to scale our resources and offer budget solutions. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed 2-3 with Jim Rooks and Jessica

Sell Chambers in favor and Mayor Morton Levinson, Jonathan Schechter, and Arne Jorgensen opposed. The motion failed.

On behalf of the Town, a motion was made by Arne Jorgensen and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to place on a future Joint Information Meeting discussion of the following: revenue options including sales tax, recreation district, property tax, and lodging tax, and cost recovery guidance (%) to joint departments for consideration as part of the FY25 budget process. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed 4-1 with Mayor Morton Levinson, Arne Jorgensen, Jonathan Schechter, and Jim Rooks in favor and Jessica Sell Chambers opposed. The motion carried.

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Greg Epstein and seconded by Wes Gardner to place on a future Joint Information Meeting discussion of the following: revenue options including sales tax, recreation district, property tax, and lodging tax, and cost recovery guidance (%) to joint departments for consideration as part of the FY25 budget process. Acting Chair Newcomb called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried for the County.

Matters from Council, Commissioners and Staff. A moment of silence was provided for Larry Jorgensen.

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

On behalf of the County, a motion was made by Greg Epstein and seconded by Wes Gardner to adjourn. Acting Chair Newcomb called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried for the County.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

TOWN OF JACKSON

ATTEST:

Hailey Morton Levinson, Mayor

Riley Taylor, Town Clerk

TETON COUNTY

ATTEST:

Mark Newcomb, Acting Chair

Maureen Murphy, County Clerk