

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TETON COUNTY, WYOMING**

The Board of County Commissioners in Teton County, Wyoming met in special session at 11:32am on **October 29, 2019** in the Commissioners Chambers located at 200 South Willow, Jackson, Wyoming.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Lincoln County Commissioners Kent Connelly, Jerry Harmon and Robert King to discuss current issues between Teton County and Lincoln County.

Teton County Commissioner's present: Natalia Macker – Chair, Greg Epstein – Vice Chair, Mark Newcomb, and Luther Propst. Mark Barron was absent.

Lincoln County Commissioner's present: Kent Connelly, Jerry Harmon and Robert King.

Staff: Alyssa Watkins, Sherry Daigle, Keith Gingery, Brenda Ashworth, Kristen Waters, Darren Brugmann, Tyler Sinclair, April Norton, and Shelley Fairbanks

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Carcass Disposal – Brenda Ashworth, Solid Waste and Recycling Superintendent

Brenda Ashworth gave an update on the closing of the landfill and at that time there would be no place to dispose of carcasses. Ms. Ashworth also talked about what the options are when the landfill closes in December 2021.

In Lincoln County, they currently put carcasses in body bags and haul them to Kemmerer. There is a pet crematorium coming in. There is no testing on CWD being done at this time.

The meeting was recessed at 12:03pm and reconvened at 12:11pm.

2. Alpine Housing – April Norton, Housing Director

Discussion about Teton County businesses locating housing in Alpine and workforce housing. Ms. Norton talked about workforce housing units currently in the county. Commissioners talked of the effect of people who cannot afford to live in Teton County moving down to Star Valley driving up the price of land. Approximately 40% of the Star Valley area commute to Teton County for work.

There was also discussion on regional planning. Tyler Sinclair, Community Development Director, talked about regional development, regional transportation, land use, continuing work on Comprehensive Plan.

3. Commuter Transit – Darren Brugmann, Transit Director

Mr. Brugmann addressed both Boards regarding the size of the rural transit system, reciprocal agreements between Wyoming and Idaho, regional transit authority, federal grant funding, ridership of the Lincoln County commuters, and increase in commuter traffic. LCC is looking for funding for Park n' Rides and plowing maintenance. There was discussion on the timeline for widening the highway from Alpine to Etna/Thayne.

4. Other Items of Mutual Interest

- a. Cost of Impact on Emergency Services on the Snake River
- b. Road Management/Backcountry Trails
- c. Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan Revision
- d. Wildfires/Fire Breaks

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Proposed Outgoing Commissioner Correspondence

- a. Comment on Environmental Assessment/Elk Management Step-Down Plan

A motion was made by Commissioner Epstein and seconded by Commissioner Newcomb to approve the letter of outgoing correspondence to the US Fish and Wildlife, National Elk Refuge regarding comment on the Environmental Assessment/Elk Management Step-Down Plan. Chair Macker called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Epstein and seconded by Commissioner Newcomb to adjourn. Chair Macker called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:58pm.

Respectfully submitted: sdf

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Natalia D. Macker, Chairwoman

Greg Epstein, Vice-Chair

Mark Barron

Mark Newcomb

ATTEST:

Luther Propst

Sherry L. Daigle, County Clerk