



Board of County Commissioners - Staff Report

Meeting Date:	March 20, 2018	Presenter:	Keith Gingery
Submitting Dept:	Attorney	Subject:	Extension of Lease for Historical Society and Museum at 105 Mercill

Statement / Purpose: Request from the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum for a one year extension on the lease for 105 Mercill Ave.

Background / Description (Pros & Cons): Teton County presently has a lease with Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum for the property located at 105 Mercill Ave. The current lease was entered into in March 2017 with the understanding that the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum was going to start looking for locations to move to within the 2 years of the lease. There was a provision to allow for a one year extension that the Museum board is now requesting. The specific language in the lease is as follows:

II.A. Term of Lease

The term of this lease Agreement shall be until March 31, 2019. If the Historical Society desires a one year extension beyond March 31, 2019, the Historical Society shall notify the county on full year in advance of the termination of this agreement that they would like to request a one year extension. The County shall respond with their answer as to whether or not the County will grant a one year extension within 60 days.

The Historical Society is giving their request for extension a full year prior to the termination, as directed in the lease. The BCC has 60 days from February 28, 2018 to respond with their answer, which is April 27, 2018. No decision is required to be made today, but a decision needs to be made prior to April 27, 2018.

Attachments: Letter from JH Historical Society and Museum requesting a one year extension

Input / Recommendation: Postpone to April 10, 2018

Suggested Motion: I move to continue this item to our next regular meeting on April 10, 2018 and direct the County Commissioner's Administrator to prepare a report with other possible uses of this property and a timeline of the implementation of those possible other uses to be presented at our April 10 meeting.



JACKSON HOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

Teton County Board of Commissioners
299 South Willow Street
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February 28, 2018

Dear Commissioners:

The Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum (JHHSM) board and staff are diligently working on developing a long-term strategy for the organization and proactively addressing our complicated facilities situation. Currently, the majority of our collection and our classroom space is located at 105 Mercill Avenue, where we lease the land from Teton County. The JHHSM understands that this property has been identified for other community needs and is seeking a solution that addresses the current situation and accommodates our operations. Thoughtful planning and moving of a museum collection takes time.

Therefore, pursuant to the Ground Lease Agreement between Teton County and JHHSM dated March 22, 2017, Item II, the JHHSM hereby requests a one year extension of the lease beyond the current termination date of March 31, 2019. We hope you will consider this request to extend the lease through March 31, 2020 so that we can secure the needed resources to support this transition.

We look forward to continuing to work with Teton County and providing our community with another 60 years of heritage stewardship.

Sincerely,

William J Best
President, JHHSM

Morgan Albertson Jaouen
Executive Director, JHHSM

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