

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

The Teton County Board of Commissioners met in special session on **March 2, 2018** in the Commissioners Chambers located at 200 S. Willow in Jackson. The meeting was called to order at 9:30am

**ROLL CALL**

County Commission: Mark Newcomb Chair, Smokey Rhea, and Greg Epstein were present. Natalia Macker and Paul Vogelheim were absent.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Consideration of Application for Dead & Co. Special Event

Alyssa Watkins, County Commissioners Administrator, presented to the Board, via staff report, for review of the denial of the special event application for the Dead & Co. Concert and Festival submitted by Highline Sports and Entertainment. Following the internal review process and a subsequent meeting with the applicant, the BCC Administrator issued a Denial Notification for the application as required by Section 9 of Resolution 17-033. Following receipt of the Denial Notification, the applicant elected to pursue a review of the denial, as allowed for in Section 10 of the Resolution. the BCC honored the request and is here today for that review.

James Deighan, Highline Sports and Entertainment, presented to the Board a history of what the production company set up before booking a band and submitting an application. He stated the band contacted him a few months ago about wanting to do a concert in Jackson Hole. Highline Sports and Entertainment has previously put on the two Zac Brown concerts and the Michael Franti concert in Teton Village. The site chosen for the concert is the Jackson Hole Hereford Ranch on South Park Road between High School Road and South Park Loop. This will be a two-day event with an anticipation of 20,000 attendees per day.

The Commissioner's reviewed the application.

Discussion between the Board, staff, and Mr. Deighan included the security plan, single day pass and two day passes available, biggest concerns are traffic, public dollars put toward staff time for this specific event.

Public comment was given by Ike Faust, Matthew Furney, Jennifer Ross, Bob Colvert, David DeFazio, Casey Holladay, Don Frank, John Wright, Eric Burba, Ben McKay, and Luke Bruner.

The Commissioner's reviewed Resolution 17-033 pertaining to special events. Key points include some special events are not a by-right item, review of definitions, job of applicant to mitigate the nuisances, not a permit application.

Keith Gingery, Deputy County Attorney, addressed the Board giving a short history of special event permit applications. The system changed in September 2017 when it moved to the County Administration office. Each department issues their own permits applied for. Three findings to look at regarding "Nuisance": disturbances in neighborhoods, public resources ability to provide adequate support, ability to provide support is diminished because of location, traffic, and size of event.

Sheriff Jim Whalen addressed the Board stating this event can be pulled off, confidence in Highline Sports and Entertainment, process in place gives him pause with regards to LDRs and resolution for special events, case by case basis.

Darren Brugman, START Director, addressed the Board regarding past work with Highline, summer traffic mitigation on a daily basis, gridlock all over town, willing to work with Highline as they are continuing to work on mitigation for the event, available busses in summer, main concern is drivers, concern of being pulled away from everyday work, costs of extra wages of staff time.

Larry Pardee, Town of Jackson, addressed the Board (not on behalf of the Town Council) stating the biggest item is logistics and location, strategies to make this work, traffic congestion, work with Police Department, Public Works, START.

Chief Brady Hansen, Jackson Hole Fire/EMS, addressed the Board stating there is confidence in the promoter to meet needs from past events, impacts with EMS – busy time of year – promoter should find an outside EMS provider to work with JH Fire/EMS, impact with Fire Prevention. Fire Marshall Kathy Clay spoke to the Board regarding Fire Prevention. Some concerns are large crowds and hostile events, increased risk for wildland fires, opening Pandora's Box, crowd makeup, traffic, and added workload to currently overworked staff. Chief Hansen spoke about medical services on site. This event is not insurmountable.

Alyssa Watkins, BCC Administrator, spoke on behalf of Rich Ochs, Emergency Management Coordinator expressing concerns that planning for this event takes away from other plans, shifting as much responsibility as possible to Highline but work in partnership, only Sheriff, Fire/EMS, and START were compensated for time on site, no compensation for planning.

Lieutenant Matt Carr, Sheriff's Office, addressed the Board regarding how he has worked closely with Highline on the Rendezvous Fest, Highline takes on a lot of work so it takes the burden off staff.

Tyler Sinclair, Planning Director, addressed the Board regarding LDRs for future events and transportation.

Tom Newland, Integrated Transportation Director, addressed the Board about excess parking and transit. Construction projects happening during that time including South Highway 89, roundabout work north of town, and resurfacing project on Moose-Wilson Road. Promoter talked of one-way streets before, during, and after the concert. Good opportunity for the community to participate in a model TDM program to make this work.

Brian Schilling, Pathways and Trails Program Coordinator, addressed the Board about nighttime bike riding, satellite parking lots.

Sean O'Malley, Director of Public Works, addressed the Board with concerns of parking and Fire/EMS services, impacting county right of ways.

James Deighan and Peggy Wolfe from Highline Sports and Entertainment addressed the Board regarding producers working with County and Town, do not want to put strain on public entities, committed to safety and risk management, plans carefully construction and thought out, look at this as a partnership with community.

Discussion between the Board and Mr. Deighan included price of tickets to not omit locals, hiring locals from the region to help, two-day pass vs single day pass, traffic mitigation, other sites or events, nuisance and public safety, timeline for submittal of plans, and working with WYDOT, May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for plans, event timing, April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for traffic and security plans.

Discussion among the Board included opening Pandora's Box, support from Commissioners Rhea and Epstein, will take a lot of resources from the community, would like the music to end at 9pm, condition motion for security and traffic plans, all other required plans submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup> at latest, concerns over nuisance, local release of tickets

A motion was made by Commissioner Epstein and seconded by Commissioner Rhea to direct staff to issue a Compliance Certificate for the Special Event Application for the Dead & Co. Concert and Festival. Subject to the following conditions:

1. Music ends at 9:00pm.
2. Traffic and security plans will be submitted by April 1, 2018.
3. Subsequent departmental mitigation plans will be submitted by May 1, 2018.
4. There will be a local release of tickets.
5. Highline will ensure day to day county resources and personnel leading up to the event will be used at a minimum.

Chair Newcomb called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried.

#### **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Rhea moved to adjourn, Commissioner Epstein seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Fairbanks  
Deputy County Clerk

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ATTEST:

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