

# JACKSON TOWN COUNCIL STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC INTENT 2009

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:            GOVERNMENTAL CONSOLIDATION**

**VISION STATEMENT:**

**Create the opportunity for citizens to choose the best form of local government for Jackson Hole.**

**Issues and Challenges:**

- Consolidation of services – not unification
- Perception of 1 Larger Government: Power and Accountability
- Pressures on development/issues
- Internal staff concerns regarding consolidation
- May not save money
- Clear vision statement
- State's role should be to support local level
- Growth exposure land use planning
- Resolve some on-going issues (Joint Funding)
- Was hard to consolidate departments
- If you live in the County – you can't vote on Town issues
- Make decisions in a way where all relevant issues considered and constituents heard

**Strategies**

- ✓ Support Keith Gingery's bill in the 2009 legislative session.
- ✓ Discuss this initiative at WAM with other leaders and communities
- Work towards charter and legislation
- Development of Clear Vision Statements: Town and County
- Start Public Education process: Internal and External
- Work Towards Local Election to Establish local charter Study Group
- Eliminate duplication of services

**Tactics/Action Plan**

- Budget Funding for this Initiative
- ✓ Prepare for the testimony before the committee on the legislation
- ✓ Invite Teton County government to participate – get buy-in.
- Establish dialogues with other partners in the state (Laramie County, Albany County)

