

# Permanent 5<sup>th</sup> Cent Sales Tax Discussion Points

- **Sunset** - Currently, when voters approve the 5<sup>th</sup> cent measure, there is a default 4-year sunset, thus requiring another vote. Passage of the ordinances by the municipalities and resolution by the county would remove that sunset.
- **Stability** - Allows for more long-term planning and investment (possibility of non-renewal every four years creates some investment/commitment reluctance (larger infrastructure projects; competitive staff wages)
- **Precedence** -
  - Successful in other counties
    - Johnson County (Buffalo) 1994
    - Lincoln County (Kemmerer, Afton) 2010 (Resol made permanent)
    - Sweetwater County (Rock Springs, ..) > 30 Years
    - Teton County (Jackson) 2004?
    - Washakie County (Worland) 2009
  - State of Wyoming 4% not voted on every four years - and local projects are just as important as state projects and spending.
  - Voters have approved this measure every year **since 1976.**
- **Fairness to every community** - Smaller communities would have a greater control and not as subject to the electorate of a larger community.
- **Costs** - Would save funds - most recent election cost ~ \$5000 (City of Douglas \$1600)
- **Removal Option** - County Commission could repeal, if later desired, by the same means and the sales tax would remain in effect for remainder of the 4-year period.

## County Meetings Available April 4 or 5<sup>th</sup>

- Representatives from each city attend meeting and discuss what the impact means to them.

## How Sales Tax is Distributed (same process for 4%, 5% and 6%)

- State collects for County.
- State keeps a % (different % for 4% vs 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Cent)
- State remits to Cities & Counties based upon each entity's % of total County population.