



**TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA
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**JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

THURSDAY, January 9, 2025

6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by Chairperson Monica Burt at 6:30 pm mountain standard time on January 9, 2025, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Monica Burt
 Jeff Young
 Teresa Hugill
 Monique Gollihar
 Larry Lineberry

Absent:

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Town Superintendent
 Gustavo Estrada, Public Works Lead
 Brandon Martinez, Jackpot Fire Department
 Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Recreation Center
 Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Tourism/Senior Center
 Norma Huerta and Stormi McCarthy, Jackpot Combined School
 Brad Hester, Jackpot Fireworks

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:

Chairperson Jeff Young advised the public to step to the front of the room to identify themselves and to speak clearly for the record. He stated that they should try and not speak out of turn or among themselves. If anybody has a cell phone it should be muted and if a call needs to be answered, it must be taken outside. He commented that everybody needs to wait their turn to speak, and the speaker needs to step-up to the podium to state his/her name. There shouldn't be side conversations or comments, and he thanked everybody for their cooperation.

PROCEDURE

Time Limits: Public comments are welcome during the Public Comment periods at the beginning of the meeting, the end of the meeting, and during specific agenda items.

Comments made during the Public Comment periods at the beginning and end of the meeting are limited to **7 minutes** per person. Persons with presentations or comments longer than **7 minutes** should contact the County Administrative Offices to have the item placed on the agenda for discussion. Additionally, the Chair of the Board may limit public comment during a specific agenda item. If the Chair of the Board decides to limit public comment during a specific agenda item, the Chair shall announce, prior to taking any public comments on that specific agenda item, that the Public Comments on that specific agenda item are limited to **7 minutes** per person.

Chairperson Jeff Young stated that the public would be limited to 7 minutes per person, but not those making the presentation. Those interested in presenting anything would need to go to the administration office in order to have them add their items to the following agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Jeff Young led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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No Comments.

RAFT RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Raft River Electric update.

Mike Christensen (Raft River Electric) stated that there would be a planned power outage the following Thursday. They would be switching the old power line from Pinochile Street to Ace Drive. The time is 12:30pm to 4:30pm. They hope to be quick because it's cold and he appreciates everybody's patience. He has flyers for those who would like one, Raft River will also be making phone calls to everybody on Monday, and they have posted the outage on their Facebook page, and it sounds like the news has spread. He mentioned that the rate change details will be sent out with February's billing. It will be a nine percent rate increase overall and will go into effect April first.

NEVADA HEALTH CENTER NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Nevada Health Center update.

The board briefly talked about hoping to have an update especially since there were questions regarding there being a provider at the clinic and if so when. Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board Vice-Chairperson) mentioned she tried getting an appointment even through teledoc and she couldn't, so she called Elko and got an appointment via teledoc and was then referred to Twin Falls. She and her husband had to get a doctor in Twin Falls for general things. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board Chairperson) commented that there is a doctor in Twin Falls who is operating his practice and doesn't take insurance, but there is a monthly cost.

He knows a few people who like this provider's service. Vice-Chairperson Burt commented that they would like more information regarding when there is a provider, how often there is one, and more information on teledoc. She knows of people that need to have some tests done and they are being turned away. She doesn't know if there is anything being done at the clinic at all. The clerk mentioned that Esmeralda is in the building answering calls unless she is in a meeting and when a family member was taken to the clinic for high blood pressure she didn't see a provider and just had her blood pressure checked.

The following message was emailed by Kerrie Preston (Practice Manager: Wendover/Jackpot) after she couldn't log into the meeting.

Hi Maria,

I was on zoom to attend the meeting, but I only saw a message that said, "waiting for host to start the meeting". I waited for about 10 minutes then left the meeting.

I wanted to let the board know that starting in March, Brock Vance will be coming one day every other month, to see patients in Jackpot. We will then have monthly coverage in the clinic. Also, Skyler Arnold is back on a short-term basis seeing patients on telehealth every couple weeks, so those patients that prefer Skyler can schedule to see him. I hope you are all well . Please reach out to me with any questions of concerns.

Thank you,

Kerrie Preston

Practice Manager

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JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Jackpot Combined School update.

No representative present.

JACKPOT GOLF COURSE

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Golf Course operations update.

No representative present.

JACKPOT TOURISM & SENIOR CENTER

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Jackpot Tourism updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism) stated that it's wintertime and people are just driving through. She asks that if anybody needs something posted on the board to let her know, she has removed the Christmas post already.

2. Senior Center updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that everything is going ok. They are serving meals twice a week. When the seniors can come together as a group it keeps them from being isolated at their house and having the shuttle to drive them around helps a lot. The activities that seniors attend help the senior center volunteers be aware if there is somebody who has missed events consecutively and if so, the volunteers along with Mrs. Dimmitt check on them.

Chairperson Jeff Young asked that Mike Christensen (Raft River Electric) get with Mrs. Dimmitt to have the power outage information advertised on the sign.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Recreation Center Department operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Recreation Center) stated that there was a total of two hundred and eighty-three people using the facilities: two hundred thirty-nine in the gym, thirty-six for the pool, eight people who visited the facility and these numbers are from Dec first to the thirty-first. She mentioned that there were two bingo events where ten people attended and for poker there has been an average of twenty-two people for the month of December. There was a “Story time with Santa and cookies,” event at the recreation center on Christmas eve which had twenty people who attended. This was just the right amount, and it gave those people who don’t have family, or something planned on Christmas eve something to do. The deposit amount for the month of December was five hundred and thirty-nine dollars.

Vice-Chairperson Monica Burt asked about the hours for Thursday and Mrs. Dimmitt stated the facility would be closed during the power outage, so it would be open from ten to noon and if the power is back up by five, she will go back to work from five to eight for those that would like to work out. There are committed people that notice when the facility is closed, there was a complaint regarding consistency with the gym and pool hours, but this is something that has changed because the facilities has tried hard to be consistent with the hours.

Vice-Chairperson Burt asked about there being a generator at the recreation center because people could be at the facility during the power outage staying warm. Shawn Burt (Town Superintendent) stated that Pool/Pact doesn’t allow people to be in the facility without power. Mr. Burt mentioned that the administration building, public works building, and the fire department along with the casinos in the town are places that do have generators and that if the board would like to discuss having a generator at the recreation center it would need to be done when they start talking about the budget for the following fiscal year.

JACKPOT EVENTS

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Event operations update.

Betty Marquez (Jackpot Admin) stated that the Christmas party was a huge success, there were more additional tables and seating available although some people thought that there were less, this just meant that there were more people present at the party.

The food was distributed at the end of the night and family members took boxes home to their family member who couldn't attend because of work. In the end there were eighteen food boxes that the fire department took and delivered to those people who are alone or couldn't make it to the party and could use a nice meal. The board agreed that the food was excellent, Mrs. Marquez commented that Sopris did a great job and that the following year Cactus Petes would be the food provider since the previous year the food was ordered from Bartons. Larry Lineberry (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that there were many great singers during karaoke at the Christmas party and people had a great time. Mrs. Marquez commented that there were presents left over, but not a lot although it may seem like it. A present is purchased for every kid in school plus an additional for each grade plus twenty extras for toddlers and babies. She stated that the next town party would be Fourth of July because Easter is handled by the fire department.

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Public Works water, sewer, landfill, streets, and operations update.

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works lead) was absent. Shawn Burt (Town Superintendent) stated that the public works department has been doing a lot, but he would be happy to answer any specific questions regarding the department.

JACKPOT FIRE/AMBULANCE/SAFETY

1. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) stated that he visited with Amanda Osbourne (Elko County Manager) and he will visit with the board also. The north end of the station had a bit of problems with the some of the weight and settings of the building, so they have to cut in. Robby Steel (Mud Races) will be doing the concrete and since this will all go through the Trust and they will get a permit, but things are different since it's a private organization. Mr. Steel asks that he be kept in mind when he asks for permission from the town to do the mud races. Mr. Hugill commented that Mr. Steel is a local boy and that the event was a great success. He thinks that within a month or two the building should be up; he will then have Raft River do the internal work and move the air packs. He and his crew have been training, doing inspections at businesses, and answering calls, mainly truck drivers that go off road in the same place between Contact and mile marker twenty-five.

Vice-Chairperson Monica Burt commented that with all the recent fires she started thinking about the town and how the fire department takes care of the perimeters around the town, but what about on the north side where Idaho and Jackpot meet. Mr. Hugill stated that Randy Barnes (used to volunteer on the fire department) is in LA fighting fires on behalf of Elko County. He commented that he and Shawn Burt (Town Superintendent) have talked about putting in a green belt. He and Chris talked about clearing areas in the town and working with Raft River like they did when they were clearing power lines, especially in the Blue Sky area. He commented that they also do field reduction in Contact because there are seven people living out there.

Mr. Hugill commented that he had the Violation Complaint forms. Shawn Burt (Town Superintendent) recommended that the forms be filled out and people could get them from the administration office. The administration office would help send the forms and even with filling them out.

2. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Ambulance) stated that for the month of December there were twenty-five calls, thirteen were transports by them, and two were air transports. She didn't get a yearly from Elko, but roughly she thinks there were between three hundred and three hundred and fifty calls for last year which is average. The most they have ever had has been under four hundred one year. Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) mentioned that many calls aren't generated in the town, they are out on US highway 93 from Wells into Idaho or even Jarbidge plus there are other calls which are put in another category and not in the 911 system.

3. Elko County Sheriff's operations update.

Albert Sevier (Sergent) stated that he had nothing to report, unless somebody had questions.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:
NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Discussion and consideration of received correspondence.

**CONSENT AGENDA
ACTION ITEM**

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the commission with one action without extensive discussion. Any member of the commission or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon separately during this meeting.

Approval of Minutes – DRAFT Jackpot Advisory Board December 12, 2024
(This material is available upon request.)

Next Meeting Date – February 13, 2025

Motion: Larry Lineberry moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Monica Burt.
Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Jeff Young
Teresa Hugill
Monica Burt
Monique Gollihar
Larry Lineberry

Nay:
Absent:
Abstain:

**ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS:
NON-ACTION ITEM**

This time is devoted to comments by Advisory Board Members and/or Staff for general information or update purposes. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

Monica Burt (Vice-Chairperson) mentioned that she watched the Commissioner's meeting, and they were all approved for re-appointment, except for Larry Lineberry (Jackpot Advisory Board member) who wasn't up for re-appointment. She commented that there was also talk about the housing project but wasn't able to watch that portion and wanted to know if there were any updates.

Shawn Burt (Town Superintendent) stated that there are no new updates and that the company is still working on getting all the preliminary stuff done. The company got the commissioner's approval to get the appraisals done. He doubts that the appraisal has been done especially with the holidays and he hasn't heard otherwise. The county will also have to do an appraisal. There is progress being made and the company also has a friend with a grocery store chain which they are trying to get one in Jackpot, they want to bring in commercials and are still slated for one hundred homes within three years. He commented that the commissioners had two meetings in the first one each commissioner got an assignment and in the next meeting John Karr was named Chairperson and he believes Travis Gerber got Vice-chair. The town's new representative is Brian Gale.

Mr. Burt stated that on Monday there would be water outage in the Blue-Sky area and Baptist Church due to tying the new water lines for the Loves housing track. He mentioned that in order for Elko County to do an investigation and start writing certified letters regarding a complaint, there needs to be a form filled out and submitted first. He commented that anybody could fill out the forms. The forms will be kept at the administrative office because there is information that may need to be looked up by the administrative staff. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked about the things that had been presented already and Mr. Burt stated that he would be mentioning them the following day in his meeting.

Vice-Chair Burt commented that she needed Mr. Lineberry's email address because everybody should be receiving an email regarding the Open Meeting Law class for Monday. Mr. Burt stated that the office staff would be attending the class and that the board was welcome to view the class in the boardroom.

Vice-Chair Burt mentioned that in regard to HeadStart there is a spot at the school to put a trailer and she talked to Cactus Petes who says they would donate a used mobile home trailer and the public works department along with other people could help fix it. However, this plan may not work because Mr. Burt thinks that the trailer needs to be commercial grade, she called Jess Phillips (Building & Safety Elko County) to ask him, but he couldn't reach him. The lady at HeadStart was under the impression that a trailer could be used, and she is supposed to be visiting the town between this month and next. Mr. Burt commented that the admin office is a mobile home trailer, but it's built commercial grade. He thinks that a residential trailer wouldn't work.

Vice-Chair Burt stated that the idea is to try and get everything they can get done by June because that is when all the paperwork for the grant has to be turned in or else there won't be a HeadStart program in the town for another year. She asks if anybody knows of somebody who would like to donate a commercial grade trailer to let her know. It just needs a kitchenette area, bathrooms, and a big room for small children.

At this time the board received information from Nevada Health Centers and said information is in the corresponding section of the minutes.

Mr. Burt commented that Amanada (Elko County Manager) brought up that the board may want to reach out to the providers or company being used in Wells because it isn't Nevada Health Centers. There are other options to consider and if the board would like to do that, he recommends that one of the board members take the lead and get information to present to the rest of the board. The town doesn't fund it, only supports it which means that there isn't a reason to have an action item by the board. He mentioned that the building is being leased to Nevada Health Centers by Cactus Petes which is a long term lease. If there is interest from another company, they would need to look at getting a building just like HeadStart. Mr. Lineberry commented that if the main offices for Nevada Health Centers are in Elko or Wendover then the company from Wells would be closer and that may or may not make a difference. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that there is the project of the "Red Zone" for construction and she wonders if there is something medical that can be done because when she had surgery she couldn't be in Jackpot because her medical team couldn't come across the border and there isn't a facility in Jackpot. Mr. Burt mentioned that there are many urgent cares in Twin Falls, but he doesn't know the laws regarding medical offices in other states. Mr. Lineberry commented that because of insurance reasons when having a Teladoc appointment they have had to drive up the hill and be on the Idaho side. Vice-Chair Burr commented that since they had a Teladoc appointment with an office in Elko they needed to be in Nevada. Mr. Burt stated that the town doesn't have a contract or obligation to company in the town. Angie Horn (MASV Racing) mentioned that she works for St. Lukes, and she is one of the PSA's (Patient Support Associate.) She helps set up appointments, get refills, or anything related. She stated that people don't have to be in Idaho to do the on demand, they notate the time zone and place of the patient. The only thing they need to do is find a provider that has the license to treat the patients in their town. In this case, the provider would need to have a Nevada license, and this wouldn't be a problem because St. Lukes also services Ontario and Baker City in Oregon. She doesn't see why it couldn't work in Jackpot, so she will be talking to a few people at St. Lukes about a clinic in the town especially since they also serve people from Elko, Spring Creek, Wells and Wendover. The board expressed their appreciation for this gesture.

Betty Marquez (Admin) stated that a month ago Brandon (Cactus Petes GM) reached out to see if the town could help get the time zone changed in Jackpot from Pacific to Mountain legally because everything online shows pacific time even though Jackpot observes Mountain time. This causes people to be late for reservations and confusion, which affects hotels, and they are a huge part of the town's revenue. The process to go about this is an extensive letter which the board will have to review and approve. Once the letter is approved by the board it will have to be approved by the commissioners and all the minutes and approvals regarding said letter will need to be sent to the state. The state processing time can take up to six months and after that DOT also has to process things which is another three months.

She mentioned that she was working on getting the pizza party organized for the classes who won the Christmas tree decoration.

Jeff Young (Chairperson) commented that the board had received a Christmas card from Mybrary.

Chairperson Young stated that he wanted to revisit the idea of making the board positions, elected positions. He is interested in the process of this and wants to know if the town is at the point where it can get there. Shawn Burt (Town Superintendent) commented that he and Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) had a conversation regarding this. There is some research that needs to be done, and Mrs. Hugill will be asking for assistance from another board member to get information put together. He will have to include figures in the budget because it will be a paid position. The active board members will fill the first term, and the next run will be an election and not an appointment. The town would still remain unincorporated even if the board became elected officials. Chairperson Young mentioned that this would be one step more towards the incorporation process. Mr. Burt stated that people who live in Jackpot would be the only ones to vote. There is more information that needs to be gathered from the state, and it isn't a high paid position. They will try to gather this information and have it completed before the fiscal year budgets. Chairperson Young commented that he is more interested in the process of the town getting closer to incorporation. Mr. Burt mentioned that if the positions were turned to elected positions, each member would have duties and would need to be more involved than they are now. The board will be structured to where they will each have a department like the commissioners do and their participation will need to be better. Chairperson Young asked about the advantages other than getting closer to incorporation. Mr. Burt stated that elected positions mean that matters don't have to go through the commissioners for approval unless it's a county matter. This is the biggest advantage. The board will be voting instead of advising. The disadvantages could be that members will be putting in more time and the board needs to observe open meeting laws a lot better. The board members will also need to know more, so he isn't bringing all the information to the board. The members will need to understand it and not lean on the administration staff so much. He also mentioned that rules on unincorporated towns with elected officials may vary. Mr. Burt stated that his boss Amanda Osbourne (Elko County Manager) told him that they should look into it, so there is backing from the county and to make it happen the county has to approve it. He mentioned that the pay could start at a minimum of thirteen thousand dollars a year to twenty-three thousand dollars per year. This means more work and attending meetings when it involves their departments. This is something that will have to happen during or prior to the incorporation process. There will also be changes to the terms so that not all four board members are exiting.

Chairperson Young commented that there should be generators at the school, but he understands that it's up to the school district.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

NON-ACTION ITEM

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Jeff Young (Chairperson) stated that the Christmas fireworks were fantastic and that Brad did a great job.

ADJOURN

ACTION ITEM

Motion: Teresa Hugill moved to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lineberry. Motion passed.

VOTE: Aye: Larry Lineberry
Jeff Young
Teresa Hugill
Monica Burt
Larry Lineberry
Nay:
Absent:
Abstain:

Chairperson Jeff Young reminded everybody to unmute their phones.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.