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JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 9, 2025

6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Jeff Young
Teresa Hugill
Monica Burt
Monique Gollihar

Absent: Larry Lineberry

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Town Superintendent
Gustavo Estrada, Public Works Lead
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Recreation Center
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Tourism/Senior Center
Shelly Hester, Jackpot Ambulance
Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire Department
Stacy Martinez, Jackpot Fire Department
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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairperson Jeff Young led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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Brad Hester (Jackpot Fireworks) stated that the fireworks have been ordered. He commented that for the Fourth of July there were less fireworks for everybody because of the tariffs being in effect. There are ten fewer shells of one kind, but thirty more of another and twenty more of another. It will be a great show with four hundred sixty-six shells for Christmas. The board all agreed that they were excited.

TOWN OF JACKPOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

E1. Discussion and consideration to approve a Health and Wellness Fair at the recreation center.
ACTION ITEM

Theresa Dimmitt (Aquatic and Senior Center) stated that she would like to have a health and wellness fair at the recreation center. She commented that since Jackpot is a border town she would like to have businesses from both communities, Elko and Twin Falls attend since there are a few doctors and two pharmacies who take Nevada Medicaid. She has spoken with Kerrie Preston (Nevada Health Centers Practice Manager Jackpot Community Health Center) who along with Esmeralda will be present and they will check blood pressures. She has reached out to different vendors and has gotten a great response and that is the reason she would like the board's approval to host the health and wellness fair. It will be from 1pm to 5pm. Nevada Health Centers will offer wellness checks, Hope Family Health Center out of Twin Falls will be in attendance, Matt Merrymen with veteran services will attend if he's not working, but if not she has three others from Elko willing to attend, Access to Healthcare will attend and they help people and seniors apply for Medicaid and Medicare. There is also Kristen Rowe who offers private advantage plans that work in Twin and Nevada. Nevada Health and Human Services will also attend, and they can find out if somebody is eligible and print them an EBT card on-site. The fire department may attend if they aren't out on a call. She mentioned that helmets aren't required on bicycles for minors in Nevada and so if the Sheriff's department in Elko doesn't donate them there will only be the bike rodeo where light maintenance on bikes can be done.

There will be a car seat check provided by PACE Coalition unless she is trained prior to the event and they will also be donating car seats. She is reaching out to Mobile Crisis, and it has been suggested that she call the media to connect it to tourism for the town since it's the first time a health and wellness fair is being held. She has invited Thrive because she feels that it's important for seniors to know the benefits of CBD or THC. This is something that she is excited about and it will be held on November 19th, which is great because it's in the middle of open enrollment for Medicare and insurances. She specifically chose a Wednesday because seniors and other people will be able to be transported to the recreation center through the GET My Ride bus. She mentioned that starting November 1st the new policy to be on SNAP ages 18-64 and are able-bodied is to work part-time or do community service part-time. She has received phone calls from people who need to do community service. The jobs that can be done are cleaning the dog park, picking up garbage around the town, or helping at non-profit or recreation center. There are many changes happening, and she is glad that Nevada Health and Human Services will be present to answer any questions. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board Chairperson) stated that he thinks it's a good idea that they are present, so people get the correct and personalized information. The board members agreed that this is a good idea. Chairperson Young commented that they need to think of more things for community service, so that there are things for people to do. Mrs. Dimmitt asked that any ideas be texted or emailed to her, she would like for there to be a rotation in the different jobs that people could do. Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board Vice-Chair) asked if there was insurance to cover the volunteers in case they get hurt. Mrs. Dimmitt stated that her insurance covered volunteers. Shawn Burt (Jackpot Town Superintendent) commented that the county does have insurance for volunteers. Vice-Chair Burt asked that the volunteers be accommodated if they need special accommodations and not be instructed to do activities that could be harmful. Mrs. Dimmitt agreed.

Motion: Teresa Hugill made a motion to have the health fair, seconded by Monique Gollihar. Motion passed.

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

**RAFT RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Raft River Electric update.

Mike Christensen (Raft River Electric) stated he was unaware of any outages in the last couple of months. They did a safety demonstration at the school and that went well along with participating in the science fair. He asked about details regarding the town Christmas party on December 11th because they will be present. Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board Vice-Chair) stated that dinner is usually from 6pm to 8pm and that the parade starts between 5:30pm or 5:45pm. Mr. Christensen asked about power issues. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board Chair) stated that a couple weeks ago there was a power bump. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that it wasn't very long. Mr. Christensen asked for a date and Sylvia Arnold (Jackpot Admin) stated she would look on the community Facebook page.

Mr. Christensen mentioned that tree trimmers would be in town because there is some vegetation getting close to the power lines. Mrs. Arnold commented that the power bump was on September 20th.

**NEVADA HEALTH CENTER
NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Nevada Health Center update.

Kerrie Preston (Nevada Health Centers Practice Manager Jackpot Community Health Center) was present through Zoom. She stated that Theresa Dimmitt (Aquatic and Senior Center) reached out about the health fair and she is excited to participate. Mrs. Preston stated that on October first Rachel Grant was in Jackpot and she saw fifteen patients that day along with one sports physical. She commented that Brock has seven patients scheduled to see him in November. She mentioned that Medicaid coverage starting on January 1st will have managed care organizations (MCOs) instead of what is offered now in the rural areas, fee for service Medicaid or straight Medicaid. Medicaid participants will receive a letter this month and another one in December. There are two organizations: Silver Summit and CareSource, they will be taking over all the Medicaid participants. There are roughly five to ten thousand participants, and they will be split in half unless a participant chooses one or the other. She has met with Silver Summit, and they offer people a twenty-five-dollar gift card per visit for those who take their children in for well-child visits. She commented that adults who get their physicals done will also get twenty-five dollars a visit and those getting a flu shot will also receive a twenty-five-dollar gift card. She believes CareSource will have the same opportunities, but she doesn't know because she just hasn't met with them and hopes to have more information the following month. She wanted to make people aware about this change and she might contact both Silver Summit and CareSource about being at the health fair to explain and answer any questions. Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board Vice-Chairperson) asked if providers were still seeing patients at the clinic on the first Wednesday of every month, Mrs. Preston stated that yes and reminded everybody that the clinic is open, and patients can still be seen through direct care and via telehealth every other day. There is still no full-time provider hired at this time. She mentioned that although the clinic is closed on Fridays there are providers working and people can go on the website to set an appointment and be seen for medical and behavioral health. The website is nevadahealthcenters.org. She commented that Esmeralda is in the clinic Monday through Thursday and she can help people get on teledoc appointments. Shelly Hester (Jackpot Ambulance) mentioned that Esmeralda has been calling the ambulance. Mrs. Preston stated that if there is an emergency she will call the ambulance, but people can be seen for a cough, cold, if they have questions about medications, or a uti among other things they could be treated through a telehealth provider. She mentioned that if somebody is bleeding or has a broken bone or things of that sort can't be treated over telehealth, and they would be directed to the emergency room, and it would be by ambulance if the patient doesn't have a ride or vehicle

**JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL
NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Jackpot Combined School update.

Debbie Ostertag (Jackpot Combined School Counselor) and Dawn Brownell (Reading Interventionist). Mrs. Ostertag stated that there is a total one hundred fourteen students, sixty-

eight elementary, thirteen junior high, and thirty-three in high school. There will be two new students, and they will start school once they have their vaccinations, one will be in elementary school and the other in high school. She mentioned that the elementary classes are mostly combined and since this happened the test scores have gone down, but there has been an uptick in the test scores since the rotation system that Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Estrada organized for the elementary. Mrs. Brownell stated that when the teacher is instructing one grade, the other grade goes to an intervention class for reading or math. These students are getting direct and specialized academic support during that time. The interventionists get to see K-6th grade throughout the day and target their academic needs, increase their scores, and help them gain success in school. Mrs. Ostertag stated that remedial help is also available or enrichment depending on where the student is at. She mentioned that last year their star rating for elementary was a one and this year it was raised to a two. Everything is slow, but they saw improvement in the number of students that made gains in their testing. The junior high did amazing and got five stars. She commented that they can't compare year to year because it's different children all the time. The high school scored three stars and were only three point two points away from four stars. All the rates increased, and the new process is helping. The school is in the accreditation process which needs to be done every five years to be an accredited public school in Nevada. It's a long process and the staff has been divided up into teams. Each team is going to evaluate in certain areas, cross them, compare, and come up with the evidence. She believes March is when everything needs to be done. A part of the accreditation will involve the parents participating in a shorty survey during that time. On October 21st and 22nd there will be a 12:10 pm early out for parent teacher conferences. Science night was the previous night, and Raft River was a hit. There are pictures of that night on the school website. The school district has changed the policy on flyers or information from outside of the school. It will now need to go through an organization called Peach Jar.com. The town or organization that would like to distribute flyers or information to the school would need to create an account on Peach Jar.com, it would be approved by district policies in Elko, and once approved it would be emailed to the parents that are listed in the student information system, from there she can put it on the school's Facebook page. If there is a charge, then Peach jar will charge something that is supposed to be less than the paper and ink for flyers. If something is free it should be free, and she had a flyer with information about it. She mentioned that the Halloween costume parade will be on October 30th at 3:30pm.

JACKPOT GOLF COURSE

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Golf Course operations update.

Brent Fleshman (Jackpot Golf Club) was absent. He emailed the following report. I will be unable to attend Thursday's meeting. Currently we are on our aerifying process, which happens every October. We completed all the greens and started on the fairways. Next week we begin the tee boxes. Later in the month, we start our winter spraying to keep the course healthy through the cold winter months. For the month of October, we always do a play 18 for the price of 9 special and all our merchandise is 30%-40% off. It helps bring some business down to Jackpot as the weather starts changing. We will stay open through October and weather permitting, hopefully squeeze a few more days into November.

Thank you!
Brent Fleshman, GM

JACKPOT TOURISM & SENIOR CENTER

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Jackpot Tourism updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism) stated that she got an interesting phone call from a reporter from New York. This reporter is doing an article on the decrease in tourism in Las Vegas. She had to explain the distance and how different Jackpot is from Las Vegas. People from all over the world go to Las Vegas while Jackpot gets people mainly from Idaho. Jackpot did see a decrease in people during covid, but it has since increased.

The website is current, and all the links are working. She hopes that the part-time visitor center helper can be posted, so that there can be somebody who can help with tourism events or answering questions that tourists have who stop by the recreation center. She had a group from Florida and Georgia. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board Chairperson) asked if the position would be a paid position. Mrs. Dimmitt stated that yes and it would be minimal. The person hired would follow-up with tourism related activities, search for events that the town tourism department could participate in or bring events to the town and help with checking the numerous websites that Travel Nevada has. This person would be of great help, and it would be nice to have an adult who is more articulate when talking to other adults. Chairperson Young asked if there was a budget for this position. Mr. Burt nodded his head and Mrs. Dimmitt commented that it has been in the works for a while. It just hasn't gone through all the government steps that are required.

2. Senior Center updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that the meals on wheels program is going strong along with bingo and poker. She mentioned that the biggest challenge they face is the warm-up meals. She hopes that if they participate in more events where people can donate or if they have more ways of bringing in money that would help. Mrs. Dimmitt praised Sopris Restaurant for their involvement in the community. She commented that she doesn't always have time to call all the general managers at the casinos, but Matt at Sopris calls her every month to come up with something. He has donated all the food and finger food for the carnival, and he donated a massive amount of food for the scramble. She asks that the community give back in support by eating at the restaurant.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Recreation Center Department operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Recreation Center) stated that the August report included three hundred and thirteen dollars and four hundred twenty-five people who used the gym, ten people used the pool, and six people for other. In September it was a slower month and there were only two hundred and ninety dollars, the gym had three hundred forty-one people, fifteen people used the pool, and there were people for other that weren't accounted for because they didn't sign in. She mentioned that there will be a Halloween Carnival and Sopris will provide the food and the prizes for the costume contest which will have three categories: seven and under, eight to twelve, and thirteen to adult. First place will get seventy-five dollars, second place fifty dollars, and third place twenty-five dollars. The trunk or treat will be on the same flyer and they will be passing out flyers with the trunk or treat information at the carnival. The carnival starts at 3:45pm.

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS

NON-ACTION ITEM

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

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works lead) stated they have started winterizing some of their equipment. They have and will continue working on blowing out the sprinklers. The water at the park will also be turned off in a couple of weeks. He mentioned that surveillance cameras have been installed at the transfer to help keep track of whose dumping trash especially when they are busy on projects. They will get a notification on their phones. They are getting their plows ready to go and have stored away equipment in the hangars. The salt and sand have been delivered and it's all mixed and ready to go. They started organizing things in their yard. He thanked the fire department and Theresa for the conex. They have moved it to the shop and will be storing more of their equipment and parts in it. Well six is the winter well and they will start getting it ready with chlorine in the next two or three weeks. He mentioned well four's motor stopped working earlier in the month and they were able to lease one while the original one was repaired. This well is used for the golf course. He commented that they purchased two thirteen-foot scarecrows as trunk or treat decorations.

JACKPOT FIRE/AMBULANCE/SAFETY

1. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot Ambulance) stated that for the previous month they had a total of twenty-five calls. They have been busy and there were several times that both the main and backup units were out at the same time. They solely transported nine of those calls to Twin Falls and one was an air transport. She mentioned that the following day Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) would be in Jarbidge teaching a "Stop the Bleed Class" and she will be going later in the month to do another class for those who couldn't attend the first class. They continue to do training and are trying to get more people to do the driving class in order to have more people to drive the ambulance.

2. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) stated that aside from the twenty-five medical calls they did six assists. These are calls that involve them going to people's homes without a 911 call. They did a hazmat call at the school. There was an airplane crash that they attended. Two fire response calls that were non-fire but could've been. There were three wildland fires in the area, two car accidents, one was called off, and the other one was nothing. They did a search and rescue that took fourteen hours, but they found the people and beat the sheriff's department to them. They continue to do once a month a safety training with Cactus Petes. It's working well. There is a bit of a Q&A afterwards. The department has gotten eight new volunteers in the past two weeks.

Mr. Hugill mentioned that Valerie Smith (person who built the new bay) is providing the department with ten new sets of turnouts for the new people. The cost is about fifty thousand dollars. Things are looking good and it's nice to see the excitement. He commented that two of his guys are going on vacation, one to the Bahamas and the other one to the Philippines. The department continues to work and help Jarbidge. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board Chairperson) asked if the new bay is completely done and operational. Mr. Hugill stated that heaters need to be installed. He mentioned that the new ambulance should be ready at any time.

Chairperson Young asked about the old ambulance and Mr. Hugill stated that it would be taken out of service.

3. Elko County Sheriff's operations update.

No representative present.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Discussion and consideration of received correspondence.

No 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 September 11, 2025.

(This material is available upon request.)

Next Meeting Date – November 13, 2025

Motion: Monica Burt moved to accept the minutes from September 11th and the new date of November 13th for the next meeting, seconded by Teresa Hugill. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Jeff Young
Teresa Hugill
Monica Burt
Monique Gollihar

Nay:

Absent: Larry Lineberry

Abstain:

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS:

NON-ACTION ITEM

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Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board Chairperson) stated that there was a quote for a study, but they will be pursuing other options. Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board Vice-Chairperson) stated that Chairperson Young was talking about a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy which costs eleven thousand dollars. It would identify infrastructure, financial

resources, affordable housing, invasive medical mental health services for the area, and some workshops. She stated that before the board starts spending funds, they would like to look at other options. Chairperson Young commented that other options which he can't talk about yet have also been brought to his attention. He and Vice Chair, Burt, will continue to meet with people and may have more information at the next meeting. Vice-Chair Burt stated that the information is to maybe incorporate in five to ten years, not any time soon. They want to make sure they research different avenues and have everything in place so that when it's time to incorporate it will be done the right way, for now it's being involved in many meetings.

Vice-Chair Burt mentioned that she, Theresa Hugill, and Maria participated in a training in Elko for the new election equipment. The primaries will be next year at the end of May. There will be one day of early voting and one day in late November. There isn't the staff available to handle a two-week early voting session. The new system will be easier for tabulating the total votes and faster in the county.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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Bert Gurr (Nevada Assemblymember) stated that he was in area and wanted to stop by. He offered the board his help and asked if they had any ideas for legislature that would help the town to let him know. Brad Hester (Jackpot Town member) commented that Jackpot would like to be in Mountain time zone. Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board Vice-Chairperson) stated that the letter had been submitted to Washington. Mr. Gurr stated he would help the town with this because he understands that Jackpot operates on it, it gets darker in the winter compared to Elko and stays later longer in the summer. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board Chairperson) mentioned that most of the people that visit the town are from Idaho and they are on mountain time. Mr. Gurr stated that he agreed with this because it does cause confusion. He commented that he knows what it feels like to be pushed off into the corner in this part of the county. There is a person who works for the Gwynn Center (think tank that is non-political) and a lot of research is done there. They are still waiting to find out what internal committees they will serve on, he asked about the public lands committee, which they tried to get rid of in 23, but it's still active. He was told somebody had already been appointed to it. Mr. Gurr commented that there isn't one person in the two-thirds of the state that's rural on the committee. The one person who is somewhat rural is senator Titus who lives in the Yerington area. The rest of the committee is from Reno or Vegas. He and the gentleman from the Gwynn Center will be helping him in the legislation to try and balance that a little bit because there isn't anybody from this area and it could've been a commissioner from Elko or somebody from White Pine. There are issues and a lot of legislation needs to happen. He mentioned that he has ten bills that he will submit in case anything makes sense.

Katie Estrada (Jackpot Combined School) mentioned that the previous year a group of students were taken to the Capital, and he accepted some of them to sit on the floor with him. She thanked and expressed her appreciation to him for that neat and fun experience. Mr. Gurr stated that he welcomes anybody who would like to sit with him as long as he is aware of it in advance, so he can set things up. The caucus starts at eleven and they need to be on the floor at 11:30 so sometimes there isn't time to meet with people before getting on the floor.

He asks if anybody would like to participate to get him a little bio because that helps him especially if a pre-meeting hasn't been set up. He thanked the board for their time, and the board thanked him for his.

Stacy Martinez (Jackpot Fire) stated that fire prevention is this week, but the school is busy and so they have switched it to the following week on Wednesday. There will be an assembly at the school with the theme being lithium batteries and the simpleness of it. She commented that with winter approaching they want to give information to the children along a goodie bag with a brochure that parents or guardians can also see. They will also talk about the importance of smoke alarms and the different noises they make.

**ADJOURN
ACTION ITEM**

Motion: Teresa Hugill motioned to adjourn, seconded by Monica Burt. Motion passed.

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

 Abstain:

Chairperson Young reminded everybody to unmute their phones, so they don't miss any calls.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.