



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

THURSDAY, January 14, 2021

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by Shawn Mathis at 6:00 pm mountain standard time on January 14, 2021 in meeting room of the Jackpot Senior Center Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Teresa Hugill
Shawn Mathis
Monica Burt
Alex Torrero
Bruce Ririe

Absent:

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Public Works Superintendent
Heath Higley, Raft River Electric
Shelly Hester, Jackpot Ambulance/Fire
Bill Dimmitt, Senior Center Head Volunteer
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Food Bank/Tourism
Tara Norris, Events Coordinator
Kerrie Preston, Nevada Health Centers
Wilde Brough, Elko County Commissioner

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:

Shawn Mathis 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairwoman Hugill led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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Theresa Dimmitt asked that people remove their masks, speak loudly, and clearly into the microphones.

TOWN OF JACKPOT

- a. Raft River Electric Company update of the electrical service provided to the town of Jackpot.

Heath Higley (Raft River Electric) stated that he didn't have too much to discuss. He met with Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) and Gustavo Estrada (Public Works technician) to discuss another lighting project. There possibly may be a couple new services in the town by the post office. He asked if there have been any power issues in the town.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that no, things have been pretty smooth.

Mr. Higley acknowledged that this is what he likes to hear.

Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that there haven't been any problems and she appreciates that.

Mr. Ririe also thanked Mr. Higley for keeping the town updated on the planned outage

Mr. Higley thanked the town board for everything that they do.

Shawn Mathis (Jackpot Advisory Board member) thanked Mr. Higley for his attendance each month.

- b. Nevada Health Center update.

Kerrie Preston (Practice Manager for Jackpot's Nevada Health Center) stated that the clinic in Jackpot is able to do a rapid covid test. They are expecting a shipment called the BinaxNOW which is very reliable. The state has given permission to begin the tier two testing. This will be patients over the age of seventy. The federal guideline is sixty-five and the state guideline is seventy, but that may change, and they will send a notice when that happens.

The clinic in Jackpot is currently taking names of patients whose age is seventy or over so that they know how many vaccines they will need to have. They will also give information to those who are in the tier two category and there is more information on the state website for vaccination.

There needs to be at least ten people which she doesn't think will be an issue. The way the vaccine works is that it needs to be done in multiples of ten.

She mentioned that she thinks the state has changed the wording to phase, but they continue to use the word tier. She asked that if anybody knows people in the tier two group who are interested, they need to get their name on the list at the health center.

Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked how long the rapid test results are.

Ms. Preston stated that it's fifteen minutes. She mentioned that the PCR tests that they send out take a longer time through Lab Corp, not only because of the location of the clinic and having to UPS it out, but also because Lab Corp was inundated. She commented that in Wendover they also saw that it was taking seven days.

She mentioned that they are excited to have these rapid tests on hand.

Mrs. Hugill asked when they would start the vaccine.

Ms. Preston commented that if anybody would like to travel to Elko on the twenty-second and twenty-third there will be some vaccinations for the county at Nevada Health Centers. She hopes that they could be in Jackpot on the first or second week of February. She will send those dates as soon as she has them.

Mrs. Hugill stated that she would appreciate it.

Ms. Preston mentioned that they will need a list of names to know how much vaccine they need to bring. Mrs. Hugill asked if people just need to let the clinic know. Ms. Preston stated that yes, the clinic is expecting calls and currently have a list going.

Bill Dimmitt (Senior Center) asked if people need to get tested to get the vaccine.

Ms. Preston stated that no, patients will be screened through a series of questions. If a patient has been COVID positive previously they are asked to wait thirty days after the positive date in order to get the vaccine.

Shawn Mathis (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if it would be the two-stage vaccine where people would need to return for a second dose.

Ms. Preston stated that yes, the vaccine that they will be supplied with is the Moderna vaccine. It will be two shots; the second shot will be administered twenty-eight days later.

- c. Discussion and consideration to make a recommendation to fill the Jackpot Advisory Board Chairman position.
(Currently Teresa Hugill)

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that it has been a busy year and they have been through many things and Teresa Hugill has done a great job, so the unfortunate thing for her is that they would like for her to do it again.

Motion: Bruce Ririe made a motion to recommend Mrs. Teresa Hugill to continue being the Chairman on the Jackpot Advisory Board, seconded by Alex Torrero. Motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: Aye: Teresa Hugill
 Shawn Mathis
 Alex Torrero
 Monica Burt
 Bruce Ririe

 Nay:
 Absent:
 Abstain:

Shawn Mathis (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that Mrs. Hugill has done an excellent job at making sure that the town board input is being given to Elko. She is also doing everything she can, and he appreciates it, so they would like for her to do it again another year.

Mrs. Hugill stated that she appreciated it.

- d. Discussion and consideration to make a recommendation to fill the Jackpot Advisory Board Vice-Chairman position)
(Currently Shawn Mathis)
(ACTION ITEM)

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill stated that she appreciates all the help that he's given her on the phone and even traveling to Elko with her. She mentioned that Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) and Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) have both been able to go to Elko with her, Alex Torrero (Jackpot Advisory Board member) hasn't been able to do a whole lot, but he commented that he would be stepping it up.

Mr. Mathis stated that it was up to board to decide whether they would like to keep him, or they could discuss somebody else.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that it has been a busy year and they have done many things; all the boards are functioning. He would vote to leave the advisory board as it is and have Mr. Mathis be vice-chairman another year.

Motion: Bruce Ririe made a motion to recommend Mr. Shawn Mathis to continue being the Vice-chairman on the Jackpot Advisory Board, seconded by Alex Torrero. Motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: Aye: Teresa Hugill
 Shawn Mathis
 Alex Torrero
 Monica Burt
 Bruce Ririe

 Nay:
 Absent:
 Abstain:

Chairwoman Hugill commented that every board member would be speaking at the meetings every month.

1. Golf Course operations update.
NON ACTION ITEM

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that he talked with Brent Fleshman (Jackpot Golf Course) the previous day and they are planning to try and open the first part of March.

JACKPOT TOURISM

NON ACTION ITEM

1. Tourism's operations update.

Coral Roe (Tourism President) was absent. Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism Director) stated that in the month of January there wasn't a tourism board meeting due to several people being ill. There isn't anything new.

She mentioned that both tourism grants are completed. The final paperwork will be sent the following day to get the reimbursement checks for the banner and visitor's guide that's in the Nevada's Visitor's guide.

Mrs. Dimmitt commented that the board didn't have a complete event calendar, but if everything is back to relatively normal the board would like to plan a Founders Day parade and event in May. The town of Jackpot will be sixty-three years old according to Google, then following that every two month's some type of tourism event.

The schedule of events would be as follows:

May – Founders Day

July- Fourth of July

September – Mexican Independence Day

November – Possibly a Craft Fair

All these events are subject to change due to covid.

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill asked where and when the banner would be placed. She commented that she got questions about the original placement of the banner.

Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis commented that the banner has already been up once.

Mrs. Dimmitt stated that it was placed on Ace Drive because according to the grant requirements the banner needed to be up by the thirtieth of December, and she needed a picture of it.

However, after the thirtieth on the fourth or fifth it was taken down because it doesn't properly fit there. The banner will be placed between Cactus Petes and the Horseshu across highway 93. The town already has permits from the department of transportation and approval from Cactus Petes to use their property on both sides of the highway.

The public works department and Raft River will also need to get together once the ground isn't frozen to drill the holes.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that she would like for this banner to eventually be placed over the highway and not just in an office corner.

Mrs. Dimmitt (Tourism Director) commented that she would make sure that the banner gets posted, but she's worried about the wording since it says the town is open.

JACKPOT EVENTS

1. Discussion and consideration in regard to planning something for Christmas.

Tara Norris (Event Coordinator) stated that there was a decent turnout for the Christmas event. She thanked Larry Lineberry for providing music, Brad Hester and his crew for the fireworks, and Dave for being Santa.

There were several bags left and Chief Hugill along with Shelly made sure all the children received one. She heard nothing bad about the event, but she was hoping for a better turnout. It was a cold night, and this was the first time things were done this way.

Chairwoman Hugill asked about future events that Ms. Norris would be planning.

Ms. Norris stated that she would be working on the Fourth of July event.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that Easter would be the next event and planning for that would need to start soon especially with covid.

Ms. Norris mentioned that the fire department is usually in charge of that event.

Shawn Mathis (Vice-Chairman) stated that the town would like to be in charge of the event and have the fire department assist with it. Chairwoman Hugill commented that both the town and fire department work together on this event.

Ms. Norris asked about having a parade.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that it's only the Easter egg hunt in the morning.

Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism Director) commented that due to covid the previous year an Easter egg hunt couldn't be done, but Chief Hugill and his team had a drive through system at the fire station. This may need to be done again if an egg hunt can't be done due to covid.

Ms. Norris stated that the planning would be a week by week thing because she knows the governor will be speaking soon and she hopes that he will be lifting some restrictions for businesses, gatherings, and being able to do things somewhat to a new normal.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that things need to be played by ear and that Ms. Norris needs to get the Fire department involved because they have been doing this event along with the Civic Club who were the first to do.

Ms. Norris stated that she would have some ideas written down and she would meet with Chief Hugill and Shelly to form a game plan.

JACKPOT SENIOR CENTER

2. Senior Center operations update.

Bill Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that the senior center will be having a soft opening on January 18, 2021, (Martin Luther King Jr Day). There will be a few events. He is looking for volunteers to help. People who are retired and looking for something to do are welcome, seniors are considered sixty years or over.

The senior center will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from nine to five. There can only be ten to fifteen people, they will be required to wear masks, and have their temperatures taken.

There will be coffee and doughnuts. There is crocheting, puzzles, games, books, and magazines. The center is currently accepting book donations. Mr. Dimmitt mentioned that he would try to coordinate wellness checks with the clinic in town. He asked if the covid vaccines would be free or if there would be a cost.

Kerrie Preston (Practice Manager for Jackpot's Nevada Health Center) stated that there wouldn't be a cost.

Mr. Dimmitt commented that the board members had an office in the building and that in the back area there is room for a garden in the Spring and a horseshoe pit once the weather is warm up.

He mentioned that he has a computer setup that the seniors can use to get the aide that they need from the state or unemployment. They can also use it to access the DMV website for registration renewal or their license.

Chairwoman Hugill asked Mr. Dimmitt how he was advertising the senior center opening to the seniors since most of them don't have access to a computer or Facebook.

Mr. Dimmitt stated that a flyer was included in the senior food boxes that were sent out. He has also talked to a few people and will be posting the flyers at the post office and general store.

Chairwoman Hugill asked that Mr. Dimmitt have sanitizer available.

Mr. Dimmitt stated that he has hand sanitizer, gloves, and there will be masks available for people also.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that Cactus Petes Cares is looking for a project.

Mr. Dimmitt stated there is a coffee pot that was donated by Theresa Dimmitt's (Tourism Director) brother and he's got coffee. He also mentioned that the senior center isn't allowed to show movies because the rights need to be bought.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) mentioned that that the copy rights need to be bought and it's five hundred dollars per year in order to show movies in a public place.

Mrs. Dimmitt asked if people were allowed to donate old DVDs to the senior center so that people could take them home to watch and return them at a later time.

Mr. Burt commented that Mr. Dimmitt should contact the library in Elko and see if they could send the book mobile to the town.

JACKPOT FOOD BANK

3. (FISH) Helping Hands Food bank update. NON ACTION ITEM

Theresa Dimmitt (Food Bank) stated that the insurance is official, and the Jackpot Helping Hands, Senior Center, events, volunteers, and fundraisers are insured. The food bank is switching to client numbers and cards versus using names.

There are volunteers who are making the boxes and it's more confidential this way. She noticed that when Cactus Petes donated to the food bank some boxes had names on them and being that it's a small town it would be better to not use names at all.

She mentioned that this isn't done at Fish in Elko, but that is because they are working with many more people. She stated that she's still working on getting all the data information transferred over from Fish to Jackpot Helping Hands. This paperwork is part of the application process and there is a computer program that is used throughout the state and government to collect information of those getting assistance through the welfare system. She thinks that she will be getting this program by the end of February.

Mrs. Dimmitt stated that she is looking for grants to help with the food pantry. There has been a lot of support from FISH and from connections that she has built in Twin Falls. The food pantry received one hundred pounds of cheddar cheese and thanks to the public work guys who were able to cut it into smaller sections the cheese has been handed out.

She commented that she's received a great response to the post of needing volunteers. There are currently four volunteers that make the boxes, but don't work directly with the client. There is one adult male student who has volunteered to help on the first Friday of the month to rotate the current stock.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board) mentioned that he would speak with a few youth who may want to help. Mrs. Dimmitt stated that she would work with them on a time on Friday.

She commented that the food pantry still doesn't have the 501c3 declaration letter from the IRS, and she will begin to call them if she hasn't heard back by the following Wednesday.

The following Wednesday she will be connecting with a Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supported Services to help people get the social services they need without going to Elko.

She mentioned that when she and the town clerk went to Elko for a food bank training they got to speak to their liaison who is able to help fill out applications and has a direct email that they can be sent to instead of having different avenues for the application.

Helping Hands is growing into the local social service program for all types. The previous month people have been helped with unemployment issues, registering a vehicle, and a gentleman who needs help with getting his birth certificate.

Chairwoman Hugill thanked Mrs. Dimmitt for everything that she has done from starting the food bank and everything else in between. She knows that many people including her appreciate it.

Mrs. Dimmitt stated that she wants to help because it's a small town and if there are people who are willing to give her the information needed so the community can be helped, she is all for it.

Bill Dimmitt (Senior Center) mentioned that in one of the back rooms of the senior center there are crutches, canes, and a shower bench for anybody who may need any of these items.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER

A. Recreation Department operations update. NON ACTION ITEM

Beth Lamb (Jackpot Aquatic & Recreation Center) stated that Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) had the public work guys turn the pool heater on, on Thursday. There are some problems with the Dectron due to it being turned off for so long. The pool temperature is at seventy-eight degrees.

She won't be opening the pool until the temperature reaches eighty-two degrees. She than will start advertising the use of the pool. There are five water aerobics ladies wanting to return, a couple lap swimmers, and she's got some thoughts on how to get children back in the pool.

Ms. Lamb mentioned that they have been calling families that used to use the workout area and she'll be working on incentives to get people to use the workout area. She will be listening to the press conference to learn about any changes to the current requirements that are in place.

She hopes to be able to start having activities for the children during Spring Break and some other activities to get people into the recreation center.

Shawn Mathis (Vice-Chairman) thanked Ms. Lamb for her report.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked about the hours for the recreation center. Ms. Lamb stated that the current hours are eleven to five. She has some people who can't make it until five, so she's thinking of extending it until six. There are others that interested in workouts earlier than eleven, so those people need to contact her about it. She would be willing to open at eight in the morning, but she needs people to show up at that time.

Chairwoman Hugill suggested that Ms. Lamb ask people on the Facebook page about the times that people would like to see.

Ms. Lamb commented that they have made a few calls to people, there is a person along with friends who would like to work out early and Ms. Lamb has asked her to contact her about it. She will also include it on Facebook to get an idea.

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS

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

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works) stated that they are staying busy. They have doing some maintenance work. They got the sweeper fixed. They are figuring out the lighting project in town which will brighten things a little more.

Shawn Mathis (Vice-Chairman) asked where the lighting project would be.

Mr. Estrada stated that it would be on Piersanti Street towards Glen Doren Drive, some on Lady Luck towards Mountain View, some just before the storage sheds, and by the clinic.

Chairwoman Hugill asked about lights on highway 93.

Mr. Estrada stated that Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) is talking to the state and figuring this out.

Mr. Burt commented that the state is still discussing if the program they were looking at will work for the town. He hasn't heard back but will be calling tomorrow.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that this needs to be done in a few areas on highway 93 especially after a person was hit. There also needs to be lights on the other end of town since Four Jacks isn't open.

Mr. Estrada commented that they are getting things ready for the dispensary and maybe a restaurant. They are currently working on the services.

Chairwoman Hugill asked if he knew when Dotty's would be opening.

Mr. Estrada stated that the beginning of February or March.

Mr. Burt stated that they are scheduled to be finished on February seventeenth.

Tara Norris (Event Coordinator) commented that one of the guys from Dotty's told her March because at the end of January they would be starting with the interior design. The games have been ordered.

Chairwoman Hugill thanked the public work's department for their involvement in the Christmas event. There were many comments about the Christmas decorations around town and how everybody loved them.

JACKPOT SAFETY / FIRE

1. **Jackpot Ambulance**

a. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot ambulance/Fire) stated that for December the ambulance had eleven calls, seven of which were transports. She mentioned that the yearly total is the least amount of calls that she can remember in her thirty plus years. There were one hundred ninety-three calls with one hundred six of those being transports.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked what percentage of calls Mrs. Hester thinks are from the casinos.

Mrs. Hester stated that she thinks most of them are or about eighty percent.

Mrs. Burt commented that the reason may be because of the shut down due to covid.

Mrs. Hester mentioned that there were a few traffic accidents in March that she can remember, then the shutdown happened.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that people did less traveling in March.

Vice-Chairman Mathis stated that those numbers are great, but it also shows how little people are traveling.

2. **Jackpot Fire Department**

a. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) was absent. Shelly Hester (Jackpot ambulance/Fire) relayed the information. She stated that for the month of December the fire department responded to fourteen calls and their yearly total was one hundred seventy calls.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that the yearly total is way down.

Elko County Sheriff's Department

a. Sheriff Office operations update.

No Representatives present.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

1. Discussion and consideration of the Town of Jackpot Accounts Payable.

Chairwoman Hugill asked about the forty-two thousand dollars spent on the airport.

Vice-Chairman Mathis stated that this is amount owed for back lease payments.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that it hadn't been paid since 2009.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that one good thing about this is getting it caught up and that it's in the last few stages of dealing with the BLM and FAA.

Chairwoman Hugill asked if the town would be able to get the grant or not.

Mr. Burt stated that if the town gets approved and everything goes well the project for this year is a 1.2 million dollar project and one hundred percent a match grant.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion and consideration of received correspondence.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 – December 10, 2020

Next Meeting Date – February 11, 2021

Motion: Chairwoman Teresa Hugill made a motion to accept the minutes for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of December 10, 2020, seconded by Alex Torrero.
Motion passed.

VOTE: Aye: Teresa Hugill
 Shawn Mathis
 Monica Burt
 Alex Torrero
 Bruce Ririe
 Nay:
 Absent:
 Abstain:

Motion: Chairwoman Teresa Hugill made a motion to accept the next meeting date for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of February 11, 2021, seconded by Bruce Ririe. Motion passed.

VOTE: Aye: Teresa Hugill
 Shawn Mathis
 Monica Burt
 Alex Torrero
 Bruce Ririe
 Nay:
 Absent:
 Abstain:

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS

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Chairwoman Teresa Hugill thanked the public works department, fire department, Raft River, Larry Lineberry, Brad Hester, and all those who helped at the Christmas event. She appreciates how everybody works together as a community for events.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that she would be following up on information regarding the senior center. She asked if Thank you notes had gotten done.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that Theresa Dimmitt (Food Bank) had done some and Tara Norris (Event Coordinator) did some for the Halloween event.

Mrs. Dimmitt stated that she sent the Thank you cards along with a Christmas card.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that they should start having all the advisory board members signing the cards again.

Mrs. Burt mentioned that she would love to see a map of the town to see who owns what properties, which are for sell, and the areas that are open for residential. She's had people ask her questions at work and they have searched online through realtors. There are some listings sometimes, but lately there isn't anything including the empty lots for sale or residential sites.

She thinks it would be nice to have a visual map for themselves to see where things can be put or if companies need to improve certain areas. This will also help the public.

Chairwoman Hugill asked about the steps that the advisory board needs to take to have businesses clean their messes.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that somebody needs to first talk to him about what they would like done. The next step is to fill out forms and send them to Corey.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that there are two places that she has seen children go into and there is no need for somebody to end up hurt or killed.

Mr. Burt stated that they are currently working on those two areas, but he needs to set a time to discuss these things with board members and he understands it's hard to do because everybody works.

Mrs. Burt commented that she would like to call the real estate companies to find out which properties are for sale and who owns them.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that realtors wouldn't really know.

Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism/Food Bank) mentioned that if people are selling property the information should be on the MLS.

Mrs. Burt stated that she has looked for things and there isn't anything.

Mr. Burt commented that he had all the lot information and who owns them.

Mrs. Burt mentioned that she's had many people interested in lots asking her for information.

Mr. Burt stated that the problem is that many of the lots that are available that need to be sold are owned by GOPI, Binions, and Barton's Club 93. He commented that Botarri Real-estate does the majority of residential areas.

Mrs. Burt commented that there is nothing listed for the Southside of town.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that a map of the different properties that are available could be placed in the building where the meetings are held, and people would be welcome to see it. This might also incline people to attend the meetings.

Mrs. Burt commented that the map could also be posted on the website since there isn't anything under the tab for real estate.

Chairwoman Hugill mentioned that once people start wanting to buy property for businesses in the town there will be a problem.

Mr. Burt stated that the real estate isn't an issue because real estate companies have signs all over town. The problem is that the businesses will have a hard time because they want prime property and until the businesses who own them want to sell them or start accepting offers there isn't much that can be done.

Mrs. Burt asked if the town could get land on the southside from the BLM and if it would be a big process.

Mr. Burt stated that land on the southside is either BLM land or Ranching. He commented that people could also look to buy land in Idaho since the town is right on the border.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that the map will need to be of areas that can be bought.

Mr. Burt stated that there are some commercial properties just North of Dotty's which doesn't belong to GOPI and Binions.

Chairwoman Hugill asked Mr. Burt if he could get a map of areas like that so they can physically see something.

Mr. Burt commented that the gentleman from the Dollar Store called and is saying that the property that they bought doesn't work and they are trying to find other property, but there isn't any.

He stated that the only other property that him and Curtis Moore are working on won't be for five or ten years down the road. It's forty acres on the other side of the golf course.

This is all BLM land that they are trying to get them to relinquish to the town of Jackpot for mostly residential purposes.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that she and Mr. Burt could set a time to get together to make a map that goes to the border.

Mr. Burt stated that he thinks that the land on the other side of the border is Idaho BLM land and other businesses could buy property. It would be like what Wendover does.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that she would like to work on the documents that are needed to get businesses to clean their properties.

Mr. Burt stated that they do need to get those documents done. He commented that one thing that they need to do as an advisory board and maybe even get county commissioners to help evolve the town a little further with some properties in the town. He has had more than three phone calls in this week alone about people wanting businesses in Jackpot.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that Rob Stokes (Former County Manager) mentioned that there is a way to do this through eminent domain.

Mr. Burt mentioned that the nuisance ordinance forces property owners a little bit, but it's a long process just like through eminent domain. Chairwoman Hugill stated that if they don't start the process, they won't get it going.

Mr. Burt commented that Chairwoman Hugill should write a letter that will be sent to GOPI, Binions, and other property owners on highway 93 telling them about the interest of people wanting to purchase property and there is interest in selling.

The town clerk mentioned that at the commissioners meeting she talked to Jill Tingey who talked about radon kits available for free in the months of January and February for Nevada residents. The tests will be eleven dollars after February. The clerk has radon kits in her office at the public works building. She will also post a flyer with the information regarding radon at the post office, general store, the town website, and Facebook.

The kits have instructions included and she will be taking one home to test it out.

The testing needs to be done when there isn't any type of storm starting Friday morning and ending on Monday morning when it must be taken to the post office. The results will be emailed if there is an email provided or mailed for those that don't provide an email.

Bill Dimmitt (Senior Center) asked if there were any updates on paid business licenses for businesses in the town.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that they are currently working on this because Spanish Gardens has mentioned that they paid for a business license. She stated that this needs to be figured out with business coming into the town.

Mr. Burt mentioned that the advisory board also needs to look into the accounts to figure out where the monies are going.

Chairwoman Hugill commented that they need to figure out a time and date to make a trip to Elko to speak with Susan Paprocki (Comptroller) to figure out where the monies are going and what funds are returning to the town along with what isn't. She would like for two people to be able to go.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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Wilde Brough (Elko County Commissioner) stated that he had won the seat for commissioner but wasn't quite sure of what he was doing.

Vice-Chair Shawn Mathis commented he made a step in the right direction. This is the first time that a county commissioner has attended a meeting and he's been on the board for almost five years.

Mr. Brough commented that Amanda has had several contacts over the Jackpot FFA item, and she has confirmed that they have completed all that needs to be done on their end. They are now waiting for the BLM.

He commented that somebody made a comment to him that the people of Jackpot don't have a place to build. There are no properties and yet it seems like there are many open places for people to build.

Vice-Chair Mathis stated that there are properties, but the people who own these places don't want to talk to anybody about selling so something can be done.

Chairwoman Hugill mentioned that people won't answer letters or phone calls.

Vice-Chair Mathis commented that there are a couple properties owned by Binions from Las Vegas and Chairwoman Hugill mentioned that the town has tried for years to get ahold of them, but nothing has happened.

Vice-Chair Mathis stated that most properties on highway 93 are owned by Binions, (Cactus Petes) GOPI, or Barton's and they won't let anybody build on these properties.

Commissioner Brough mentioned that there are a couple pieces of land that a fellow from California and one from Carson City owned for a while, Mr. Burt stated that they still own it.

Mr. Burt stated that one of the problem is that just like Dotty's they had to widen a section of the highway and DOT didn't help fund this which delayed Dotty's construction process due to the weather.

He commented that the section that Commissioner Brough is talking about will also need to have highway 93 widened in order to have access to that property. Commissioner Brough asked if the property owners had a price on it or a plan with it.

Mr. Burt stated that he hadn't seen a price on it or on any of the other properties on highway 93 other than the 7.5 acres that Bobbi Barton is selling.

Commissioner Brough commented that when he campaigned economic development was on the top of his list along with highway 93. He hasn't been involved in highway 93 stuff, but he has been involved in Idaho. He knows that the people in Twin Falls want a better road, so that people will come off of freeway 84. This will get people to stop in Twin Falls to eat or get gas and to continue onto highway 93.

He commented that the people going to Las Vegas stay on freeway 84, but it makes sense to him that they should be using highway 93 since it reduces an hour or two of travel. He mentioned that hm and his wife made a trip to Alamo and from the turnoff to go to Lund toward Ely his wife counted fifty semi-trucks in that half hour. The truck drivers use highway 93 and take up so much room of the highway.

He stated that from Wells toward Jackpot is the only place on highway 93 that doesn't have any passing lanes yet. The drive from Ruby Valley to the turnoff isn't too bad. He suggested that maybe Twin Falls, Jackpot, Wells, Ely, and Alamo could all make a push to try and get highway 93 fixed.

Mr. Burt mentioned that three years ago the White Pine Commissioners drove three different routes for the I11 Corridor. One was here, one was going from Las Vegas into Winnemucca to McGill, and the other one was going through Carson into Reno. They did a study and had all the county commissioners on this side of the state who wrote, accepted this, and submitted it to NDOT. The last thing they heard was that the decision that was made would be going through Carson, but they pushed again and now it's going through the federal DOT to decide. At the same time NDOT said that from H.D Summit to Contact they were going to make passing lanes three years ago, three going south and three going north. This was supposed to be completed last year and they haven't even started.

He stated that he had the complete study, letters, and everything else from the county commissioners including the town's county commissioners requesting that I11 to come through us. The I11 Corridor is the corridor that is supposed to tie Mexico to Canada and from Las Vegas into 84 is the last stretch to be completed which will tie all of Idaho to Canada either way they go.

He commented that as the study went north into highway 93 there were over five hundred miles of improvements, twelve hundred miles through Winnemucca and McGill, and they didn't continue through Oregon, and it was over nine hundred miles of improvements to go through Carson City so it made more sense to go through the town.

Commissioner Brough stated that Eastern Nevada has been let down on some things just like Jackpot.

Mr. Burt commented that one of the things that was included in the study especially from the Elko County Commissioners and the city of Elko is that highway 93 is an emergency escape route on this side of the state. If there are fifty six thousand people that all needed to be on that two lane highway, nobody would be moving. He mentioned that from his understanding its federal NDOT who is making the decision.

Commissioner Brough asked who that is. Mr. Burt stated that the person that Mr. Brough could talk to is Boyd Ratliff because he would have more information.

Commissioner Brough mentioned that at their next commissioners meeting NDOT would be present explaining what they are doing in Elko County.

Mr. Burt commented that all this was two and half to three years ago they would be starting to put three turnouts north and south. This would be a total of six and a couple of years ago there were surveying stakes, but other than that nothing came of it.

Commissioner Brough stated that it seemed to him that Harry Reid was keeping all the funds in the south.

Mr. Burt commented that it's still happening today. He mentioned that one other thing about highway 93 between Wells and Jackpot is that it's listed on the federal registry as one of the most dangerous roads in the United States. He's always said, how many people must die on this road before DOT or somebody else deals with it.

Commissioner Brough stated that he would try and stir things up, but he isn't sure what that will lead to.

Mr. Burt commented that the best thing to do is get the county commissioners and communities of this side of the state to stir things up. One other thing that was on the study was that if they went through Carson there would be a lot of personal property that the state or federal government would have to buy up. Most of the property from Las Vegas until Jackpot is federal property and there isn't a whole lot that they would need to buy up.

Commissioner Brough asked about economic development in the town.

Mr. Burt stated that Sheldon Mudd is the economical developer in Elko, and he works closely with him, but his hands are tied just like everybody else's. He helps set up programs and get people to look into coming to Jackpot.

He commented that Mr. Mudd has many companies interested in Nevada and he recommends or refers places to them. He's always including Jackpot, but since the town is landlocked by BLM land and companies who aren't looking into selling their properties it creates a problem.

Commissioner Brough mentioned that the town could get BLM property, but it takes a while.

Mr. Burt stated that they are currently working on this with Curtis. He commented that the forty-two thousand dollars and the FAA discussed during the accounts payable section is in regard to Elko County not paying the lease payments since 2009. The town lost grants from the FAA and it's on the verge of losing a larger one. In the budgets that the town pays Elko County to manage the town the funds used to pay for all the lease agreements is included and they ended up taking those forty-two thousand dollars from contingency to pay for it, even though it had already been paid for.

He mentioned that one of the biggest problem they had with Demar Dahl is getting him to understand that there isn't any property for people to buy for businesses.

The town needed the dispensary. Commissioner Brough asked who would put in an application to the BLM for land.

Mr. Burt stated that he's working with Curtis on it because his office and the sewer system are on a BLM lease, but they are working on getting it converted to town property, so they don't have to pay a lease. There are also forty acres on the other side of the golf course that they have started the process on to see if they can get that land released to the town from the BLM.

He mentioned that there is BLM land inside of the town and nothing can be done with it. Commissioner Brough stated that they should be able to give that land over pretty easy. Mr. Burt stated that yes, but it will take time. He commented that it took five years to get the approval from the BLM to relinquish the property in order to build his offices.

Commissioner Brough commented that Agra Beef is building a packing plant in Jerome, Idaho and he knows they need support facilities. Jackpot is an hour away and he knows water in Jerome is tight. He doesn't know what facilities they will need, but it might be worth calling getting a hold of because those may be some fairly good jobs.

Mr. Burt commented that a big solar power farm would be put in Rogerson and this project will be starting this year in March or April. The outfit is from Mississippi and they will be buying water from the town. This is supposed to be one of the biggest solar power farms in the country.

Mr. Brough mentioned that he spoke to the Montello post office person and since June she's had fifty new addresses there. There is a lot of property for sale in Montello.

Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis thanked Commissioner Brough for his presence and stated his appreciation for his attendance at the meetings.

Commissioner Brough stated that he would like to do whatever he can to help the town because whatever he does to help the town will also help Wells and he happens to have property there.

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Town member) stated that he moved to the town in 2009 and has seen how the community has grown, but he would like to see it grow faster. He has a family and would like for them to have the opportunity to grow and be a part of this community. He mentioned that he grew up in a town in Minnesota where he was involved in the community.

He would like more diversity and job opportunities in businesses because most people don't want to work at casinos or the golf course. People want good paying jobs that will support their families and decent hours especially if they have children in school. He commented that his children are enrolled in online schooling and can be helped later in the day because he and his wife are blessed to have a good schedule, but people who work at casinos have a harder time managing time.

He mentioned that Jackpot needs families to move to town, not just a single man or woman. The student population is becoming less and it's not good. The school will start combining more classes and it doesn't work from what he saw with his children. It's tough for the teachers and students.

Vice-Chair Mathis commented that prior to the town having a school children were taken on a bus to Wells which is an hour there and back.

Chairwoman Teresa Hugill stated that she agrees with Mr. Estrada on the children being lost due to being in combined classes. This is the reason that her granddaughter is being taken out of the school because she isn't learning anymore.

Mr. Estrada commented that it's hard for everybody and covid didn't help either. Twin Falls is growing, more jobs, and many people are moving there or to Rogerson which is nearby because the property cost is less. There is also more access to everything.

Chairwoman Hugill stated that they are trying. Vice-Chairman Mathis commented that if they get land freed up that will hopefully attract more people including families.

Mr. Estrada commented that everybody is hoping that everything works out, for companies to come into Jackpot to offer employment opportunities, and for the town to have more housing.

Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism/Helping Hands Director) mentioned that when she lived in California people bought property, but they had so much time to build on it or they would get fined. She wonders if something similar can be done.

Mr. Burt stated that nothing can be done.

ADJOURN

Motion: Chairwoman Teresa Hugill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alex Torrero. Motion passed.

VOTE: Aye: Teresa Hugill
 Shawn Mathis
 Monica Burt
 Alex Torrero

Nay:
Absent: Bruce Ririe
Abstain:

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.