

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN A JOINT SESSION WITH THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF PERSHING AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM ON MARCH 18, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M.

Present for City of Lovelock:	Mayor	Rodney Wilcox
	Council members	Bonnie Skoglie Kirsten Hertz
	City Clerk	Nicole Reitz
	Legal Counsel	Sean Rowe
Absent for the City of Lovelock:	Council Member	Jordan McKinney
Present for Pershing County:	Chairman	Joe Crim
	Commissioners	Connie Gottschalk Chuck Sayles
	District Attorney	Bryce Shields

Visitors: Karen Wesner (County Commission Executive Secretary), Gail Munk, Cheryl Hass, Melanie Hamilton (County Recorder), Vonnie Hemp, Amanda Burrows, Darrell Mancebo (Justice of the Peace), Wendy Nelson
ZOOM: Brandon Chadock, Heidi Lusby-Angvick,

Mayor Wilcox and Chairman Crim called the City and County meetings to order at 4:02 p.m.

PUBLIC-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no public or personal communications or correspondence.

BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION:

The Council reviewed and discussed briefly the probable effect that each agenda item for this meeting could have on a "business" as the term is defined by statute. Council member Hertz offered a motion for the city that no item on this meeting agenda appears to impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business or directly restricts the formation, operation or expansion of a business.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gottschalk made the same motion for the County and Commissioner Sayles seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LOVELOCK AND PERSHING COUNTY REGARDING THE 1970-1971 AD VALOREM TAX EXCHANGE AND SUBSEQUENT TAX EXCHANGES:

Commissioner Gottschalk raised a question about the 1993 one cent tax exchange and its use for capital outlay and equipment for the Lovelock Law Enforcement Center. Legal Counsel Shields clarified that the 1993 one cent tax exchange is used for the general fund, which funds the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Sayles proposed that the City should contribute more due to the increased costs over the years. Council member Skoglie asked what a reasonable rate would be. Council member Hertz expressed concern about the limited time to make changes to the agreement this year. Council member Hertz and Commissioner Gottschalk agree that the city and county should meet and discuss items more often. Legal Counsel Shields suggested keeping the agreement as is for this budget year and revisiting this matter next fiscal year when there is more time to review information.

There were no requested changes to the ad valorem tax exchange agreement.

Councilman Hertz moved for the City to approve the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Agreement between Pershing County and City of Lovelock regarding the 1970-1971 Ad Valorem tax exchange and subsequent tax exchanges as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gottschalk made the same motion for the County and Commissioner Sayles seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LOVELOCK AND PERSHING COUNTY FOR SHARING COSTS:

The Council and the Commission reviewed the FY 2016-2017 cooperative agreement and agreed as follows for the FY 2017-2018 agreement:

1. **LOVELOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE SERVICE:**
All agreement terms stay the same.
2. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Council member Skoglie asked about the \$7,000 contributed by the City and the use of it? Melanie Hamilton, County Recorder, stated the city and county both pay \$7,000 and it goes to offset expenses. I don't believe the city contributes \$7,000 – I believe that the office is offered in exchange for contribution.
All agreement terms stay the same.
3. **ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES:** Commissioner Gottschalk asked about the County paying \$40,000 to operate the shelter and suggests revisiting as it may need to be adjusted. Mayor Wilcox will get the expense budget to Gottschalk.
All agreement terms stay the same.
4. **RECREATION:** Council Member Skoglie made a recommendation to meet NRS codes when structuring the board representatives. County Legal Counsel Shields stated we do not have a true Recreation Board based on NRS due to the way it is funded, the County Code is followed. Legal Counsel Shields stated the funds of the Recreation Board should be used as they would be with the Tourism Board to get people into town and in motel rooms and provide activities for the youth of Pershing County.
All agreement terms stay the same.
5. **LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Commissioner Sayles discussed the increasing costs of law enforcement and the need to address them. Commissioner Gottschalk stated the need for solid numbers to revisit the costs and contributions.
All agreement terms stay the same.
6. **SEWER/WASTE DISPOSAL PICK-UP FEES:**
All agreement terms stay the same.
7. **JUVENILE DEPARTMENT:** Budget for the Juvenile Department is about \$800,000.00. It is a tri-county split, 40% Pershing County, 40% Lander County and 20% Mineral County.
All agreement terms stay the same.
8. **LEGAL SERVICES:** Council Member Hertz asked if it's a reasonable request that or is there a way to create for lack or a better term of profit and loss in terms of who contributes what against

the cost? Melanie Hamilton replies with the question, "do you mean like a percentage?" Council member Hertz rephrases with the example, "say they combined, let's use the price for recycling Center \$800,000.00. Is there a way based on whatever that item is, we can look at the associated cost from that? Council member Hertz stated that she believes that what Commissioner Sales is getting at as well. We have (X) amount of dollars, and this is coming from here and this is coming from here, but what costs come out of those and how do we look at the equivalencies and how we have been manipulating them. Bryce Shields replied, "I don't think you are ever going to be able to that for legal services, juvenile department, dispatch or jail. Then that would require the county to, and maybe I am misunderstanding your question, but that would require us to keep track of people from the city who go to jail and juvenile delinquents from the city or how much time we are spending on City cases. Also, there is some discretion that the prosecutor's office has in accepting those cases if we want to skew those numbers in favor of the county and suddenly, we are rejecting the city cases. I think the end game, or the goal is to come up with something equitable. These are essentially fixed costs. Sean Rowe states it is essentially a good arrangement.

All agreed terms stay the same.

9. JUSTICE COURT/MUNICIPAL COURT:

All agreed terms stay the same

10. RECYCLING CENTER: Commissioner Sayles emphasized the importance of having a permanent home for the Food Bank and Recycling Center. Council Member Hertz indicated that the Food Bank is included in the current housing development plan. Council Member Hertz also indicated that whether the complex is constructed or not, the current location of the Recycling Center location may not be the best long-term solution. Commissioner Gottschalk stated we need to wait until this happens as of right now, we keep it as it is.

All agreement terms stay the same.

Council Member Skoglie moved to approve the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Cooperative Agreement between the City of Lovelock and Pershing County related to cost sharing.

Motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Gottschalk offered the motion with a second by Commissioner Sayles to approve the agreement as indicated in the City action.

DISCUSSION ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND INTEREST TO CITY AND COUNTY:

Council member Skoglie stated the need for a County/City grant writer. Bryce Shields stated that the Economic Development Director may be a good option for these duties. Hertz stated that the City and the County should meet regularly to explore joint opportunities. County Legal Counsel Shields suggested exploring a position that already exists to be a grant writer as both entities may not want to incur the cost of the wages. Wendy Nelson stated there is a lot of grant funding.

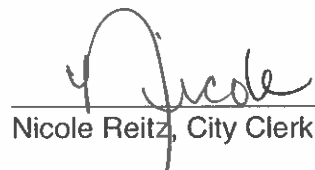
PUBLIC-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no public or personal communications or correspondence.

Mayor Wilcox and Commissioner Crim adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.



Rodney Wilcox, Mayor


Nicole Reitz, City Clerk