

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 04, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M.

Present for City of Lovelock:

Mayor	Rodney Wilcox
Council members	Bonnie Skoglie Kirsten Hertz Jordan McKinney
City Clerk	Nicole Reitz
Legal Counsel	Sean Rowe

Present for Pershing County:

Chairman	Joe Crim
Commissioners	Connie Gottschalk Chuck Sayles
District Attorney	

Visitors: Karen Wesner (County Commission Executive Secretary), Melanie Hamilton (County Recorder), Lacey Donaldson (County Clerk), Perri Stewart (Deputy City Clerk)Glen Rose, Virginia Rose, Diane Drake, Bill Drake, Neil Gallagher, Frankie Graham, Chrisina Dickerman, Kristen Gonzalez, Lisa Allen, Sheriff Jerry Allen, Chris Moepono, Misty Moepono, Steve Cerini, Denise Cerini
ZOOM: Michael Jacklyn Orr, D. Mullen, Wendy Nelson

Mayor Wilcox and Chairman Crim called the City and County meetings to order at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

Commissioner Sayles introduced their new County Manager Kristen Gonzalez

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 Skoglie 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:

During the joint meeting, the City of Lovelock and Pershing County reviewed the long-standing 1970–1971 ad valorem tax exchange agreement and its subsequent tax exchanges as the basis for the 2026–2027 fiscal year. City representatives voiced concern about continuing to approve this legacy agreement simply because it has been in place for more than 50 years. They emphasized that city residents pay property taxes to both the city and the county, raising questions about whether they are effectively paying twice for some services, such as law enforcement, juvenile services, and jail operations.

Both city and county participants acknowledged that the agreement is outdated, may contain provisions that are no longer legally or practically workable, and does not clearly show how costs

and benefits are shared between the two jurisdictions. It was further noted that similar concerns were raised the previous year, but there had been no comprehensive follow-through during the intervening months. At the time of this meeting, tax rates for the upcoming year had already been submitted to the Nevada Department of Taxation, leaving very limited time to restructure the arrangement for 2026–2027.

Faced with these constraints, the Council and Commissioners discussed their options and concluded that rejecting or tabling the agreement at this stage could create significant budget and service-delivery problems, while offering little realistic opportunity to complete the necessary analysis before deadlines. As a result, they agreed to approve the 2026–2027 fiscal year agreement as presented, maintaining the existing tax-exchange framework for one more year. At the same time, there was a clear commitment to form a joint working group (including the Mayor, County Manager, and finance staff) to gather detailed cost and revenue data, review legal parameters, and develop options for updating or replacing the current tax-exchange structure prior to the next budget cycle.

Sean Rowe legal Counsel for the City suggested this item be put on the next City Agenda to allow the Mayor to create the working group.

Council member Hertz offered a motion to approve the 2026-2027 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 offered a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Agreement between Pershing County and City of Lovelock regarding the 1970-1971 Ad Valorem tax exchange and subsequent tax exchanges as presented. Commissioner Sayles Second the motion

Motion carried unanimously.

2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LOVELOCK AND PERSHING COUNTY FOR SHARING COSTS:

Council Member Hertz offered a motion to approve the 2026-2027 fiscal year cooperative agreement between the City of Lovelock and Pershing County for sharing costs as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Gottschalk offered a motion to approve the 2026-2027 fiscal year cooperative agreement between the City of Lovelock and Pershing County for sharing costs as presented. Commissioner Sayles Seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

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

None at this time

PUBLIC-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no public or personal communications or correspondence.

Mayor Wilcox and Commissioner Crim adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Rodney Wilcox

Rodney Wilcox, Mayor

Nicole Reitz

Nicole Reitz, City Clerk