

JOINT MEETING WITH LOVELOCK CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 15, 2019

The joint meeting of the Pershing County Commission and the Lovelock City Council was called to order by Larry Rackley, Commission Chairman, at 5:00 p.m. Those present were Robert McDougal and Carol Shank, Commissioners; Bryce Shields, District Attorney; Karen Wesner, Administrative Assistant to the Commission; Lacey Donaldson, Clerk and Rene Childs, Recorder-Auditor.

The meeting was called to order on behalf of the City of Lovelock by Mayor Michael Giles. Those present were Dan Murphy and Pat Rowe and Starlin Gentry, Council Members; Kent Maher, Legal Counsel; Lisa Booth, City Clerk, and Michael Mancebo, Chief of Police.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** There was no public comment at this time.

**PRESENTATION OF PERSHING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLAN; DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSHING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DIRECTOR DUTIES, HOURS, FUNDING AND TOURISM:** Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Economic Development Director, and Ted Bendure, PCEDA member, were present.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick gave both boards copies of the Strategic Plan and gave a brief presentation. PCEDA will be forming three committees to implement the Strategic Plan, which will be broken out as Business Recruitment, Retention and Expansion; Workforce, Education and Training; and Community Vitality.

Commissioner McDougal stated that the County is considering making the Economic Development Director position full-time and shifting the Community Center responsibilities to another employee. Mr. Bendure would like to see the Community Center/Economic Development Board Ordinance amended to decrease the size of the Board.

Commissioner McDougal made a motion to approve the Pershing County Economic Development Authority Strategic Plan as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

A similar motion was approved by the City Council.

**APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A FY2019 BROWNSFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000.00; APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WESTERN NEVADA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, THE CITY OF LOVELOCK, PERSHING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND PERSHING COUNTY, ACTING AS A COALITION:** Mrs. Lusby-Angvick stated that there are grants available for revitalization of communities. This grant could be used to identify and conduct Phase I assessments of the environmental conditions of old businesses, gas stations, and personal property. Phase II would include the actual mitigation. It was noted that Brownsfields Grant are non-punitive. The deadline for grant submission is January 31, 2019. If our application doesn't make it through the first round, we can reapply in November. The grant would be administered by Western Nevada Development District. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick stated that if awarded, we would have three years to expend 70% of the grant funds. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick is requesting that the County and the City provide letters of support for PCEDA to apply for the grant.

Commissioner Shank made a motion to approve applying for a FY2019 Brownsfields Assessment Grant from the Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$600,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

A like motion was passed by the City Council.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE COMBINING OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK PLANNING/BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND THE PERSHING COUNTY PLANNING/BUILDING DEPARTMENT; DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE COMBINING OF THE PERSHING COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE AND THE CITY OF LOVELOCK BUSINESS LICENSE DEPARTMENTS:**

Commissioner Rackley stated that this idea came out of the Strategic Planning meetings. The legal ramifications, as well as the pros and cons will have to be discussed. District Attorney Shields stated that there could be some obstacles with jurisdictional issues. Commissioner McDougal stated that he would like to see consistency between the City and County building codes. Mayor Giles stated that the City is already using the same 2012 building codes and forms as the County.

In regards to business licenses, Commissioner Rackley would like to see all business licenses, whether County or City, handled by the City Clerk’s office.

Kent Maher, Legal Counsel for the City, stated that the first step would be to determine if there are any legal issues. He and Mr. Shields will do some research on what can be done.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSHING COUNTY’S ISO (INSURANCE SERVICE OFFICE) RATINGS; SNOW REMOVAL AT THE LOVELOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT; BROADBAND COMMITTEE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO BROADBAND FOR PERSHING COUNTY:**

Mark Hauenstein of Technical Designs was present.

Mr. Hauenstein advises both the City and County for building department matters. Mr. Hauenstein reported on the ISO interview that was held in September 2018. Mr. Hauenstein stated that ISO grades local governmental entities on administration of building codes, certification of inspectors, reviewing building plans and the building inspection process and provides the information to insurance companies. The insurance companies then use the information to assist in determining the premium rates for the locality. Mr. Hauenstein explained that the ISO score can be improved by adopting the latest codes and by additional training of inspectors. He also stated that we did not receive a bad score. Mr. Hauenstein reiterated that ISO is just a tool for insurance companies.

It was noted that the County needs to respond to the correspondence received from ISO stating that we have a plan to provide training and will stay up to date with the building codes. Mr. Hauenstein stated that he would provide the letter.

In regards to the snow removal at the Firehouse, Mayor Giles stated that snow removal has always been prioritized as the airport first, then the Firehouse, and the school bus routes. Mayor Giles stated that the snow removal has always been done by the County Road Department.

In regards to Broadband, Justin Abbott, Pershing County’s IT Tech was present. Mr. Abbott reported on the status of the internet service in the area, noting that good internet is a necessity and critical for public safety. Our area is underserved. Mr. Abbott recommended re-establishing the Broadband Committee.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** There was no public input at this time.

As there was nothing further to come before either board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Approved 4/3/19: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/  
Larry Rackley, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/  
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk