

JOINT SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL / LYON COUNTY – AUGUST 4, 2010

A Joint City Council / Lyon County Commissioners meeting was held on August 4, 2010 in the Professional Development Room of Marshall Middle School, 401 South Saratoga Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Byrnes.

In attendance from the City of Marshall were Mayor Byrnes and Council Members: DeCramer, Doom, Hulsizer, Sanow and Ritter. Boedigheimer arrived at 7:10 P.M. City Staff included: Ben Martig, City Administrator; and Thomas M. Meulebroeck, Finance Director/City Clerk.

In attendance from the County were Commissioners: Steve Ritter, Bob Fenske, Mark Goodenow; Rodney Stensrud and Phil Nelson. Staff from Lyon County included: Loren Stromberg, Lyon County Administrator; Aurora Heard, Assistant to Administrator; and Suhail Kanwar, Public Works Director. Others in attendance included: Mike Rich, Executive Director Southwest Minnesota Marketing Advisory Center.

The purpose of this Joint meeting was to discuss the Economic Development Strategy between the City of Marshall and Lyon County. Ben Martig, City Administrator, was the presenter for the meeting and he indicated that the City of Marshall and Lyon County have begun conversations to organize a collaborative and cooperative model to pursue mutual economic development objectives. Preliminary conversations between the respective County and City Administrators' has resulted in a general understanding that the two governments with their support political, financial and operational assets, should combine interests to form one cohesive, coordinated strategy. The Administrators believe that in today's fiscally austere, operationally challenged and highly competitive and evolving economic development field, combining assets and strengths (as opposed to independent and separate) is the best short and long term method to successfully position the region for success.

The outline for the presentation included the defining of Economic Development; the recent history of EDA's locally; the Lyon County Recommendations Committee; amended Recommendation Option and the next steps.

The proposed Amended Economic Development Organization Structure discussed was to

- Establish a Lyon County EDA (regional effort)
- Area includes all cities opt-in (by resolution)
- Full EDA and HRA authority
- Separate Levy
- Nine (9) member board
  - Two (2) Commissioners
  - Four (4) appointed by City of Marshall and confirmed by Lyon County Board
  - Three (3) at-large appointed by County Commissioners
- Director and staff County employees responsible to EDA Board

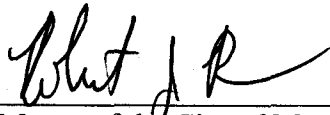
Various operations and locations considered were discussed. The general consensus was to locate the operations at the Lyon County Government Center.

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The recommended next steps were:

- Internal discussion
- External discussion and feedback (community, other cities)
- University of Minnesota Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) analysis and recommendation
- Maintain a least current funding of EDA activities for Lyon County and City of Marshall
- Commit to follow up review and discussion with the goal to obtain consensus formal action of support later this year

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

  
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Mayor of the City of Marshall

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Financial Director/City Clerk