

JOINT SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL / LYON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 3, 2011

A Joint Special City Council / Lyon County Commissioners meeting was held on May 3, 2011 in the Commissioners Room 1 and 2 at the Lyon County Government Center, 607 West Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 10:23 A.M. by Mayor Byrnes.

In addition to Byrnes the following City Council Members were in attendance: Hulsizer, Doom, Sanow, DeCramer, Boedigheimer and Ritter. City Staff present included: Ben Martig, City Administrator; and Thomas M. Meulebroeck, Finance Director/City Clerk.

In attendance from the County were Commissioners: Rick Anderson, Rodney Stensrud, Mark Goodenow, Steve Ritter, and Bob Fenske. Staff from Lyon County included: Rick Maes, County Attorney; Loren Stomberg, County Administrator; Aurora Heard, Suhail Kanwar, Paula VanOverbeke, Dean Champine, Mark Mather, Nancy Thooft and Mona Hammer.

Others in attendance included: Cal Brink, Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce; Chet Lockwood, EDA; Gayle Bofferding, Lyon County Development Cooperative, and 6 other individuals.

The purpose of this joint meeting was to discuss options for the organizing of Economic Development activities.

Ben Martig, City Administrator, provided background material on two potential models for economic development that could be used for the City of Marshall and Lyon County. Mr. Martig indicated that the Chamber Service Agreement model was written specifically for the City of Marshall but could be amended to include an option to add Lyon County. The other model reviewed was from Kandiyohi County and the City of Willmar EDA. Concerns expressed following the presentation included: ideas for sharing of staff; setting up a procedure once an inquiry is received; setting up a code of ethics procedure to avoid competing; the County receiving quarterly reports; the make-up of a joint committee including representation from all entities involved; establishment of a date to get the organization in place (i.e. 1-1-12); discussed whether the County would be included in a joint agreement with the City and the Chamber or the County entering into their own agreement with the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce.

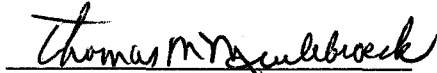
Loren Stomberg, County Administrator, was directed to work with the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Cal Brink, to formulate an agreement between Lyon County and the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development activities which would include a \$10,000 contribution from Lyon County. The County Administrator was also directed to work on the development of a Joint Powers Agreement between all interested EDA entities in Lyon County.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.



Mayor of the City of Marshall

ATTEST:



Financial Director/City Clerk