

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING WITH CITY OF MARSHALL
MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ROOM
August 4, 2010

7:00 p.m. Present: City Clerk Tom Muelbrook, Council Member Dan Ritter, Council Member Charlie Sanow, County Commissioner Phil Nelson, Council Member Jennie Hulsizer, Council Member Larry Doom, County Commissioner Rodney Stensrud, Mayor Bob Brynes, County Commissioner Mark Goodenow, Council Member John DeCramer, County Commissioner Bob Fenske, County Commissioner Steve Ritter, City Administrator Ben Martig, County Administrator Loren Stomberg, Public Works Director Suhail Kanwar

Absent: Council Member Bodenheimer

7:00 p.m. Meeting Called to order by Mayor Brynes City of Marshall

7:00 p.m. Called to order by Chairman Stensrud Lyon County

Martig- I will be starting and Loren will chime in. We are videotaping this. We distributed out a talking paper and hopefully you had a chance to think it through. We are going to go through one option. We have been successful but we want to continue to move forward. We are going to talk about what role we may have as public entities. I know there are members that are involved during this. Mr. Decramer what are we working towards?

DeCramer- What it comes down to is jobs. We are looking for creating a situation where we can attract new businesses or help an existing business to expand. Allow for more opportunities for people. Fenske – John described what this is about. It is very important to work with existing businesses and help them to stay in this area. Discussion.

7:10 City Council Member Bodenheimer arrived

Martig – To be effective you need to have a strategic plan. Let's take a look at what our strengths are. A couple of the things I want to talk about they identified six types of themes. Bioscience and Renewable Energy. Discussion. Martig – It sounds like there have been changes over the past few years. We have a number of communities that have economic development authorities. These communities do have people who are involved. Discussion. Martig – The recommendation report recommended a Lyon County EDA regional effort. Discussion. Martig – The recommended next steps, internal and external discussion and feedback, BR & E analysis and recommendation, maintain at least current funding of EDA activities for Lyon County and City Marshall, commit to follow up review and discussion with the goal to obtain consensus formal action of support later this year.

Stensrud – We went through this process with Extension. I think it is very important and I don't think we can leave anyone out if they want to be included. I think we need to step back and start from grass roots to get this going. What kind of work force do we have? Mayor Brynes – We have a history of it being done in different ways but at the end of the day it is being done. We do have an opportunity to take a step back and see the right strategy and try to avoid any duplication. Discussion. Bodenheimer – We have been sitting on this recommendation for 14 months. It's time to roll up our sleeves and get the job done. We need an inventory of what the county has. Hulsizer – I had a question about the dynamics of the Board, would the city appointments would it include council members. Martig – I think it could be written that way. We didn't get into it. Discussion. Martig – When you are talking economic development to bring value sometimes it is good to have certain skills on the board, like an attorney, accountant. Discussion. Brynes – Are we comfortable with the overall mission of regional economic development? Are we comfortable with that vision? Discussion. Dan Ritter- Have you discussed financial impacts? Stomberg- It would be a separate. It would be subject to the approval of county board. It would be limited to market value. Discussion.

8:30 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Rodney Stensrud, Chairman

Attest: Loren Stomberg
Lyon County Administrator

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