

**Rising Sun City Council  
City/County Joint Meeting  
October 29, 2008  
6:00 P.M.**

**Call to order/Pledge**

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Marksberry. A quorum was determined by Clerk Gipson with City Council, County Council and County Commissioners represented. See Attached sign in sheet. Exhibit A.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the July 30, 2008 City/County Joint meeting had been previously distributed to City Council, County Council and County Commissioners for review. After discussion a motion was made by City Councilman Powell to approve the July meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by City Councilman Slack; motion carried 4-0. After discussion a motion was made by County Commissioner Walton to approve the July meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by County Commissioner Koons; motion carried 3-0. After discussion a motion was made by County Councilwoman Elbright to approve the July meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by County Councilwoman Hautman; motion carried. Clerk Gipson informed all that past meeting minute approval had not been done. She will get copies of minutes of the February and April joint meetings out to collective boards for review. These will be added to the agenda of the next meeting for approval.

**Park Task Force Update**

April Hautman and Shane Koons updated the group on activities at the New Fairgrounds Park. They reported the following:

- Contracts were signed with Cousins Construction for the animal barns.
- Plans for Community & Exhibit Hall will be delivered soon.
- Millings have been used to make the road.

County Councilman Doug Baker questioned if the project would need single or 3 phase electric? He stated it might be beneficial to get with Jerald Obertate, RSMU Electric Superintendent, or ask him to come to the next task force meeting.

**Riverboat Budget Requests**

**Life Squad—Kim Smith**

Kim Smith presented information on activities, revenues, and expenditures of the Ohio County Rescue. See Attached Exhibit B. Smith stated there are 22 EMTs, 2 First Responders, and 7 Drivers. According

to Smith some just completed training and 4 are going through the classes now. Smith further stated there has only been 2 page outs to Aurora and that was because Rising Sun was on another run. She thanked everyone for their continued support and funding.

**Fire Department—Kevin Armstrong**

Kevin Armstrong presented information on activities, revenues, and expenditures of the Rising Sun Volunteer Fire Department. See Attached Exhibit C. Armstrong stated they were starting mandatory Indiana State Firefighter 1 & 2 classes in November. They also paid the City in full for the Aerial Fire Truck. They installed a plaque of thanks at the Department. County Councilman Doug Baker asked if their 3-5 year goals were in order? Armstrong stated the Department always strives to make things work better and more efficiently. With the second station they will need an additional tanker. Mayor Marksberry questioned if they were applying for grants—Kevin stated they always do. County Councilwoman April Hautman questioned where they plan to put the satellite fire dept. Armstrong stated the County Commissioners have committed a spot on Woods Ridge.

**Ohio County Public Library—Cynthia Smith Perry**

Ms. Perry presented information on activities of the Ohio County Public Library. See Attached Exhibit D. Perry reported the Library plans to keep the older (former) Library building and maintain both sites. The older building will be used to preserve originally signed books over 100 years old. This will be like a Library Museum. County Councilman Doug Baker informed Perry the Library needed to submit budget information with revenues and expenditures. Perry stated they had received \$71,000 and would bring expenditures in tomorrow.

**Park Board—Jamie Bell**

Jamie Bell presented information on activities, revenues and expenditures of the Park Board. Bell reported the Park Board has committed \$70,000 carried from the City 2007 budget towards the New Fairgrounds Park project. The group have a new website, logo and slogan. Bell also reported the Park Board has supported many education and recreational programs, such as; SAY Soccer, Baseball Scoreboard, Cub Scouts, Beast of SE, and the March of Dimes. They have added upgrades in landscaping and are currently in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 5 year Park Plan. She thanked everyone for their support. County Councilman Doug Baker stated he understood Park Board members will be paid in 2009. He requested clarification—if the Board Member doesn't make the meeting they do not get paid. Clerk Gipson stated it is her understanding Jamie will submit a list of Board Members and number of meetings attended on a quarterly basis. Baker questioned if they don't have a quorum do they get paid? Gipson stated she is unsure—but would think

the ones that showed up would get paid. There was also some discussion regarding if there was anything in their by-laws regarding if not in attendance for so many meetings vacates their seat? Gipson will check into this.

**School—Steve Patz, Superintendent**

Steve Patz presented information on activities, revenues and expenditures of the School. See Attached Exhibit E. Patz stated the annual payment for the school upgrades is \$654,000. He stated the loan is a 20 year—possibly payoff 5-7 years early if all goes well with continued revenues.

**Port Authority--Gary Brett**

Gary Brett presented information on activities, revenues and expenditures of the Port Authority. See Attached Exhibit F. Brett reported the Port Authority has been researching a comprehensive plan for the development of the riverfront area. They are working on a conceptual plan that incorporates the land on the other side of Front Street into the plan. County Councilman Doug Baker questioned if the properties on this side of the street are purchased will the street be closed? Brett—this had not been discussed.

**OCCF—Peg Dickson**

Peg Dickson presented information on activities, revenues and expenditures of the Community Foundation. Dickson reported on various traditional and non-traditional scholarships offered through the OCCF: Licensing School, Lily and Runner Up, Teacher Class Tools, Agency Matching Endowments, Imagination Library, Meeting Grants, Small Grants, Seed Funds, Conference Workshops, Youth Grants, and Health and Community Grants

**EDC—Gary Green**

Gary Green presented information on activities, revenues and expenditures of the EDC. See Attached Exhibit G. Green also noted 2008 accomplishments: OMI and Performance Plus. They are also optimistic about Eat Desserts First. They plan to focus on getting the Business Park going. Green reported their budget was cut—but they were not surprised. He stated the loan to OMI will generate \$3,000 per month. He also noted EDC prospects: NAPA wants to come to Rising Sun. Clerk Gipson mentioned she had not received any revenues from the County for EDC. Green stated he would get with the County on this.

**911-Communications—Joe Teke**

Joe Teke presented information on activities, revenues and expenditures of the 911 Communications. He reported the computer upgrade is well underway and the bugs are all out of the 911 software. He requested

funding at the same level as last year and informed all he has applied for grants through both the Regional and Community Foundations.

**Miscellaneous**

There was discussion regarding the additional step in the City Budget process of County Budget Review. County Councilman Dill Dorrell stated the County did not want any part of the City Budget unless the rate would go off the charts. Dorrell also questioned Dickson and Green if they had seen any effect on their funds at the OCCF. It was said there had definitely been effect on their funds—very few if any will have any pay out.

The 2009 meetings were tentatively set for January 28; April 29; July 29; and October 28, at 6:00pm at Heritage Hall.

**Adjournment**

With no further business; a motion was made by Councilman Slack to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by County Commissioner Koons; meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Attest:

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Rae Baker Gipson,  
Clerk Treasurer

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William A. Marksberry,  
Mayor