RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO REQUEST LOCAL CONTROL OF TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION ON HIGHWAY #370

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103, the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,120, with permission of the Nebraska Department of Roads, local authority may place or maintain traffic control devices on highways under the jurisdiction of the department; and,

WHEREAS, the Omaha Metropolitan area is now the 59th largest metropolitan area in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The Omaha metro area’s 8 percent growth rate this decade ranks 42nd among the nation’s 100 largest metro areas; and

WHEREAS, Sarpy County has had the highest percentage growth in the state at 14.2 percent; and,

WHEREAS, the condensed geography of Sarpy County combined with the rapid residential, commercial and Industrial growth rates has created a multitude of traffic safety issues on Highway #370; and

WHEREAS, the Sarpy Board of Commissioners desires to be more responsive to the traffic concerns to improve public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SARPY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT this Board hereby requests the State of Nebraska enter into an interlocal agreement with Sarpy County wherein the State of Nebraska defers the decision to place traffic control measures at intersections along Highway #370 to the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners.

The above resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 27th day of March, 2018.

Attest
Sarpy County Board Chairman

County Clerk
MEMO

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Dan Hoins

RE: Traffic Signals on Highway 370

On March 27, 2018, the County Board will be asked to approve a Resolution authorizing Sarpy County to enter into an interlocal agreement with the State of Nebraska to control traffic signals along Highway 370.

Sarpy County has the highest percentage of growth in the State of Nebraska and with the condensed geography of Sarpy County, combined with the rapid residential, commercial, and industrial growth rates, traffic issues along Highway 370 have become a concern.

Administration and the Public Works Department desire to be more responsive to traffic issues in order to improve public safety. Therefore, we believe it is in the best interests of the citizens of Sarpy County to enter into an agreement with the State of Nebraska wherein the State defers the decision to place traffic control measures at intersections along Highway 370 to the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

March 23, 2017

cc: Scott Bovick
    Dennis Wilson
    Deb Houghtaling