

RESOLUTION NO. 5687

Southwest Business Products E00611827

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA, SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF THE AMTRAK SERVICE KNOWN AS THE HEARTLAND FLYER FROM OKLAHOMA CITY THROUGH PERRY, THROUGH WICHITA, KANSAS, TO KANSAS CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Ponca City, Oklahoma ("Ponca City") desires Amtrak and the State of Oklahoma to provide a full line of customer service and transportations to Ponca City residents and the residents in the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Ponca City supports and is is interested in generating additional support for further Amtrak service expansion between Oklahoma City and Kansas City, which expansion would be provided by the Heartland Flyer; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Transportation submitted a formal study request to Amtrak on February 11, 2008, and the study is expected to start later this summer with a target completion date of the late summer/early fall of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Oklahoma city Area Regional Transportation Study prepared by the association of Central Oklahoma Governments makes specific reference to the desirability of a passenger rail system that extends to multiple surrounding states; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation 2005-2030 Statewide Intermodal Transportation Plan also supports the expansion of the Amtrak Service; and

WHEREAS, OK Gateway, composed of the cities of Newkirk, Ponca City, Tonkawa, Blackwell, Stillwater, Cushing, Pawnee, Guthrie, Billings, and Perry, plans to support the purpose of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, if the Heartland Flyer service becomes a reality, Ponca City would serve as a stopping point of the Amtrak service route, serving many of the residents of the cities composing OK Gateway, and increasing commerce and tourism opportunities for our community; and

WHEREAS, Ponca City desires to obtain the financial, environmental and quality of life advantages of having Amtrak service in Ponca City and supports the Amtrak expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Ponca City, Oklahoma, that the City of Ponca City, Oklahoma endorses the expansion of Amtrak service from Oklahoma City through Ponca City, Oklahoma through Wichita, Kansas, and to Kansas City and further supports OK Gateway, the Northern Flyer Alliance and all other interested parties and entities in their efforts to bring about this Amtrak Service expansion.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008.

ATTEST:

  
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Marc LaBrosse, City Clerk

CITY OF PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA

  
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Homer Nicholson, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Kevin Murphy, City Attorney