WHEREAS, the 1990 Kansas Legislature enacted the Community Strategic Planning Assistance Act to build and enhance economic development capacity at the local and regional levels, and

WHEREAS, said legislation provides for grants to city-county economic development organizations so that comprehensive strategic economic development plans can be developed and implemented on a countywide or multi-county basis, and

WHEREAS, Barton County communities have experienced severe economic distress during the past decade resulting in a significant loss of population, declining per capita income, lost job opportunities, and a sizeable erosion of the tax base for local units of government, and

WHEREAS, the strategic planning process can assist each Barton County community in setting direction, inventing a new future for itself, and making the best use of its available leadership and resources as it cooperates with community leaders from other communities in Barton County, and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Kansas Economic Development Commission qualifies as the city/county economic development organization which best meet's the Act's requirements to make application for a strategic planning grant, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Pawnee Rock express its support of the strategic planning process by adoption of this Resolution so that a comprehensive economic development plan for Barton County can be developed an implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pawnee Rock City Council will encourage its citizens to become involved in the development and implementation of the strategic plan so that the City can experience the benefits of the economic revitalization which can only be realized through community commitment and participation.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Pawnee Rock City Council, Pawnee Rock, Kansas this 3 20 day of December, 1990.

Housend W. Lourman (Mayor)

ATTEST:

(City Clerk