MINUTES OF

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 2, 2004

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 2, 2004. Ron Krehbiel was absent. Chairman Meier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Meier reported that the State Work Force Board met January 29, 2004.

Minutes of January 26, 2004 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Graber, seconded by Chairman Meier. Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Chairman Meier read a letter of resignation from Max Graber effective March 1, 2004. Chairman Meier remarked that he appreciated Mr. Graber s'service to the County and thanked him for a job well done.
2. County Government Day is scheduled for February 10, 2004 in Topeka.
3. Todd Tiahrt has scheduled a breakfast meeting Thursday, February 19, 2004.

Warrants paid through January 30, 2004 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Graber, seconded by Chairman Meier. Passed.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board reviewed information on the Giffen Estate property, which is about 120 acres deeded to Harvey County located in section 7, Walton Township. Kirk Miles reported on structures, terraces and management of the property from May 1977 forward. Mrs. Giffen deeded the property to Harvey County with the condition Harvey County uses the property for agricultural experiments and methods, and demonstrates these methods. If not used for these purposes, the land would be transferred to the Capper Foundation for Crippled Children. Craig Cox, County Counselor, will forward this information to Gerald L. Goodell, from the firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer, Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Goodell is the attorney representing the estate of Dora Wallace Giffen and the Capper Foundation for Crippled Children of Topeka, Kansas.

The Transportation Coordinator report will be re-scheduled because Mr. Meier left the premises to attend a funeral.

The Noxious Weed Eradication Annual Report was re-scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2004 at 11:45 a.m.

At 11:45 a.m., Chairman Meier and Commissioner Graber attended the United Way Luncheon at McKinley Administrative Center, returning to their meeting room at 1:45 p.m.

Marianne Eichelberger, Library Director, presented the 2003 annual report for the Newton Public Library.

Susan Jackson, Family and Consumer Science, and Ann Religa, 4-H and Youth, updated the BOCC on the extension council reports. They reviewed the reports for Scott Eckert, Horticulture, and Jonie James, Agriculture Director.

Upon a recommendation of the Newton Township Board, the Commission appointed Robert Glenn Maier to serve on the Newton Township Board as township trustee. L. H. Brunner resigned and moved out of the county. Commissioner Graber made the motion, seconded by Chairman Meier, to appoint Mr. Maier.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Graber, seconded by Chairman Meier. Passed.

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Chairman

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Member

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County Clerk

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