The following was added to the agenda: Two additional checks and claims items.

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the March 21, 2006 agenda as amended. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the March 14, 2006 minutes as corrected. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input Session, Dillard Webster, Emergency Management Director, expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners, media, and community for their support of the burn ban. Due to the recent and expected precipitation, it was the consensus of the Commissioners not to reinstate the burn ban at this time.

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve checks and claims for March 21, 2006 including one addition and one correction. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Under General Correspondence, Rick Witte, County Administrator, brought up for discussion the possibility of submitting an application for another HOME Grant through the Kansas Department of Housing. The deadline for the application is September 2006.

At 10:12 a.m. Dianna Carter, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval and signature on the Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for end of probation for Tiffany Blake from a 10A to 10B effective March 12, 2006. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the PCN as corrected. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte requested approval and signature on a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Darlene Wingrove as a part-time substitute cook for the Sheriff’s Department at a 6A, effective March 22, 2006. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve Adds and Abates for March 17, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m. Joe Yeager, Public Affairs Associate for Wichita State University, and Marge Roberson, Harvey County Commissioner, presented information, and an invitation for membership in the REAP. The partnership has been in existence since 1997 and includes representatives from 31 local governments of South Central Kansas (twenty-five cities and six counties). Its mission involves providing guidance of state and national actions that affect economic development in the region, and adopting joint actions among member governments that
enhance the regional economy. The REAP has formed three standing committees; Executive, Economic Development, and Legislative, each performing specific functions for the organization. Monthly meetings are held 11 out of the 12 months of the year, at Wichita State University. One representative and one alternate are required from each participating city or county. Mr. Yager answered several questions from Commissioners, who decided to re-visit the membership invitation at the next meeting and possibly prepare a resolution to join. The membership would be for a 3-year period, and the membership cost, based on population, would be $2,234.00. Funds for membership would be provided through the special projects budget.

Mr. Witte presented a proposed County Owned Vehicle Policy for review by the Commissioners. The policy will be revised with additional regulations under the Administrator's Department and be presented for final approval at the next meeting. It was also noted that the County Travel Policy might possibly need revisions.

At 11:23 a.m. Dave Bohnenblust, Director of Public Works, joined the meeting with two items:

A. Request to purchase a Dell Server for $4,995.00. The new server would replace the existing server, which is currently at capacity. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the purchase as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. All voted aye.

B. Approval to accept bids on the 2006 Roadway Maintenance Materials (chip seal, and tack oil) from Sem Materials and Vance Brothers. Bids on asphalt oil would be rejected. Independent quotes will be gathered for purchase of asphalt oil and approval will be awarded to the lowest quote. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve purchases up to the specified quantities within budget limits as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. All voted aye.

Mr. Bohnenblust reported on his recent trip to Florida to attend the World of Asphalt Conference.

At 11:55 a.m. Commissioners recessed until 6:00 p.m. March 22, where Chairman Schroeder and Commissioner Terry attended a meeting with the McPherson City Commissioners at the 4-H Building. No action was taken at the meeting. At 8:20 p.m. Commissioners recessed until 9:00 a.m. March 23, where Commissioners Patrick and Terry attended the NCK CHOA Meeting in Mankato, KS. No action was taken at the meeting. At 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Terry seconded. All voted aye.

Commission Minutes taken by Abbey A. Heidebrecht

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Don L. Schroeder, Chairman

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Duane J. Patrick, Vice-Chairman

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Harris G. Terry, Commissioner

Attest:  County Clerk
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