

Governor Harry H. Woodring, correspondence files, box 26

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both end Outlook
 P7D#2 Overland Park, Kansas
 October 27, 1932.
 Governor Harry H. Woodring
 Statehouse
 Topeka, Kansas.
 Dear Sir:
 I fully realize you are
 a very busy man present time.
 Have intended writing to you
 for some time past. But
 thinking working conditions would
 surely get better is the cause
 of the lateness of my letter.
 I shall be as brief as possible.
 For two reasons I have written
 to you. First can I secure
 a loan from the tenth
 regional federal home loan.
 I have a six room modern
 cottage, half acre of ground
 corner lot. Two and one half
 miles west state line on st
 highway one block south

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I said Highway. Missions
Acres. Johnson County, Kansas.
I contracted to buy this
place from Harry Guamen
Kansas City, Mo. to pay four
thousand dollars for same.
I paid one hundred dollars
down. Payments per month
\$5.00. I moved here on July
29, 1931. Since I contracted
for house and lot here
Harry Guamen transferred
his interest in this place
to Mr E. A. Clarkin - 2320
Benton Bldg. Kansas City,
Missouri. I am three
months in arrears with my
payments. I have given
you details in regards
house and lot so you
may tell me if I may
secure the loan I have
made mention. Second
reason for having written

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to you I made my home
in Kansas City, Missouri
thirty years. I was and am
employed by the Otis Elevator
Co. 130 Wyandott. Twenty
eight years. Twenty four
years I was on the road
as Elevator Constructor
1929. The depression came.
Getting less and less. I have
had only a few weeks in
a year, as I have said
I moved to Johnson County
29th July last was a year
to make our home here.
Kansas City, Missouri as
is my custom to work. If
I ask for work aside
from the Otis or the
Elevator Company, I have
worked for from time
to time when the Otis Co.
would not have work as
is the case at present
mostly for two years.

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My point is others will ask
me where I live of course
I say in Johnson County
Well they haven't any work
only for their own City folks
Then again if and when
I try to secure work in
Kansas which is often I
assure you to date with
out success not all I ask
for work but any number
will ask me my party. To
make a long story short
since I am not a D.P.
I do not secure any work
Gov. Woodring my situation
is getting serious. Truly in
need. I do not want
charity but work. There
seems to be no way
can turn for assistance
you see I am living
in Kansas in Johnson
County. Which I trust to
continue to make my home

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Can you will you tell me
what Lawerly man that
isn't a L.O.P. that I may
secure some kind of
work. I can give you
them the best of references
both from my employers
and Business men as well.
Thanking you Sir for
time and trouble in your
having read carefully
contents. This letter.
My age is fifty-seven
years old. I am strong
and healthy.
When you find time
from your own affairs
I would greatly appreciate
a reply from you
regarding the two matters
as is but natural we
are voting for you Nov
6th - next. as we are of
your party. So are

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my folks in Pittsburg,
Kansas. Casting these
votes for you. We all feel
you will win.
I remain yours very
truly -
C. B. Newman.

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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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November 5, 1932

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Mr. J. O. Houser
Grainfield, Kansas

Dear Mr. Houser:

Your letter of October 14 was on my desk when I returned home from an extended speaking campaign.

I shall be happy to go into this matter of relief in your community, although until I investigate it, I can not say just how far the State may be able to go. The Governor or anyone else connected with the state administration can spend only so much money as has been appropriated for specific purposes.

I have been much interested in this relief problem and I am willing to go the limit whatever that may be.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Grainfield Kans
Oct 14 - 1932

Harry H. Woodring Topeka Kans

Dear Governor.

I have taken up this
matter of Free coal & Flour
for our people who will
need help this Winter and
they are so favorable for free
freight on Coal & Flour to
our Station Grainfield

it is now up to the State to
help -

you wouldn't believe how -
Bad off some of our
people. Some of them
has told me that they would
hard to get through the
Winter Burning Cow Chips for
fuel.

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now these farmers is good
loyal citizens have every
thing sold to pay tax & other
expenses and now should
have a severe winter they
will suffer -

Please let me hear what
arrangement could be made
to help these unfortunate
people

any thing we could do for
them before Election would
help you out here -
it is going to hard to these
people out to vote with
an empty stomach and
cold feet.

any information soon will
be appreciated the Minister &
Catholic Priest at Granfield
and Park Ks. will sign any
necessary papers to help

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I Received the Campaign
Literature for Campaign
Headquarters a few days ago
and am working hard to
see that it will all be
distributed when it will
be the most good.

We will have a hard pull
but believe you will
carry the State Nov. 8.

Yours Truly
J. H. Houser
Grainfield
Kans

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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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November 5, 1932

Mrs. Alice Hoover
Route No. 2
Buffalo, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Hoover:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you tell me of your desire to obtain a loan from some organization to help you through the winter.

There are no state funds for such a loan as you wish. It might be possible to obtain a loan from the federal government, and I would suggest that you write to Mr. Roy L. Bone, District Manager, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Bone will be able to inform you about federal loans from his corporation.

With reference to your son, he should make application to Mr. S. H. Wiley, Chairman, Wilson County Federal Relief Committee, for employment. Mr. Wiley resides at Fredonia.

I wish it were possible to assist all the good people of this state and regret that no provisions are made for the Governor to do so.

It is hoped you will pardon the delay in answering your letter. However, we have been unable to keep pace with the great mass of mail delivered to my office daily.

With best regards and continued good wishes, I am

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Peel

Buffalo, Wyo., Sept. 22-32

Dear Governor Woodring:

Could you help a widow and her daughter so that they can get through the winter and this depression without starving. I need credit or help from some organization to get us past a very hard spot.

I would like a 3 or 5-year loan of \$200 or \$250 from the state or government at a very low rate of interest, or at least some money of any amt. to keep us

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from starving or going
uncomfortable. Don't be-
fer me to any one, or any
organization in this
co. for I would not
get it, for only people
entirely destitute get aid
or some get - and they
get very little. I am a
stranger in this co. hav-
ing lived here only -
three years.

We have an 80 acre farm
but the taxes have been
unpaid for two years
and this is the third.

I have a scant in-
come from this farm
that helps to care for
some chickens and
two cows but the cows
are dry and will be for

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several months and
the bees have quit
laying and will for several
months. My only son
has worked in the
Texas-oil fields but
had some bad luck his
wages were cut down
so low - he could
not pay his bills so -
he quit and came
home - He has been home
about three weeks has
been to McPherson, Topeka
and visited Madison, Eldo-
rado and Wichita for
work but had no luck.
There is not a job that

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I know of in this country
one could get. I can't
get along with out my
daughter and she is
only a farm girl and there
is no work for un-
skilled girls. Our shoes
and clothing are
now completely out,
and we will have
to have more for the
winter - and I simply
don't know what to
do. As to my work-
-ness I can refer you
to Geo Cannon of the
Quincy state bank.
that is were we came
from - waiting until
people are down and
out is a poor way
to help any one.

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the sensible and-
best way is to keep
them from getting
in such a shape
Hoping you can
immediate reply and
help direct them
you through the
state or some or-
ganization I am
Respectfully,
Mrs Alice Forrest
Buffalo, Ks.
R # 2.

Our neighbors are
in very hard times

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stances but they have
men and teams
and their crops to help
them out.
My son thinks per-
haps he can find
work. but I don't be-
lieve it possible for
I know the situation
better than he does.
and I think he will
only wear his clothing
out looking for
a job and get nothing.
he was a field hand
and knows all kinds
of all work - and has
worked in refineries,
can drive a truck may
take a policeman's job
or any thing of the kind.

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(Immediate Release)

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RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1932

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, upon application of the Governor of Texas, today made available \$795,369 to meet current emergency relief needs in 142 counties of that State for the period November 1 to December 31, 1932.

These funds are made available under Title I, Section 1, subsection (c) of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 with the understanding that every effort will be maintained and developed in order that the political subdivisions and the State of Texas may meet this emergency situation as soon as it is possible for them to do so.

Supporting data state that the Governor has appointed a State Committee to be in charge of the administration of relief. This committee is composed of managers of the three regional Chambers of Commerce of Texas. Representatives of this committee report that they have made careful surveys of the needs in their respective territories and have held numerous conferences with the field representative of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation assigned to Texas.

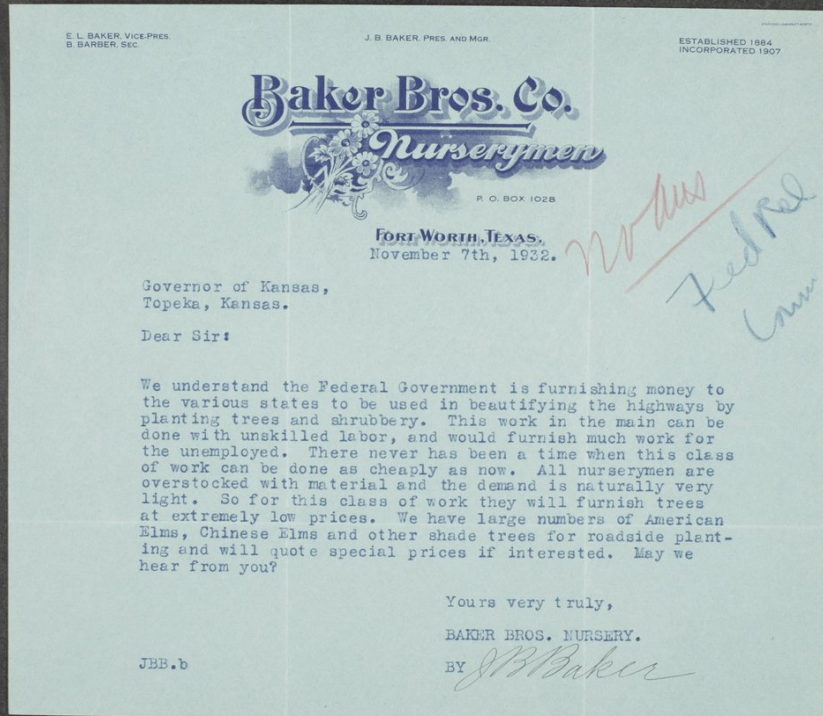
It is claimed in the supporting data that "the tax burdens of the counties and cities of the State of Texas have reached a limit and delinquencies in tax collections, decreasing property values and inability to market bonds at anything like statutory requirements have greatly curtailed the ability of the county and city governments to meet future requirements for emergency relief."

The supporting data add that "the appropriations heretofore made by the counties and cities and public contributions have managed to care for the most urgent cases. The provisions of the Constitution of Texas seem to prohibit the Legislature from making appropriations of public money to any individual, individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever."

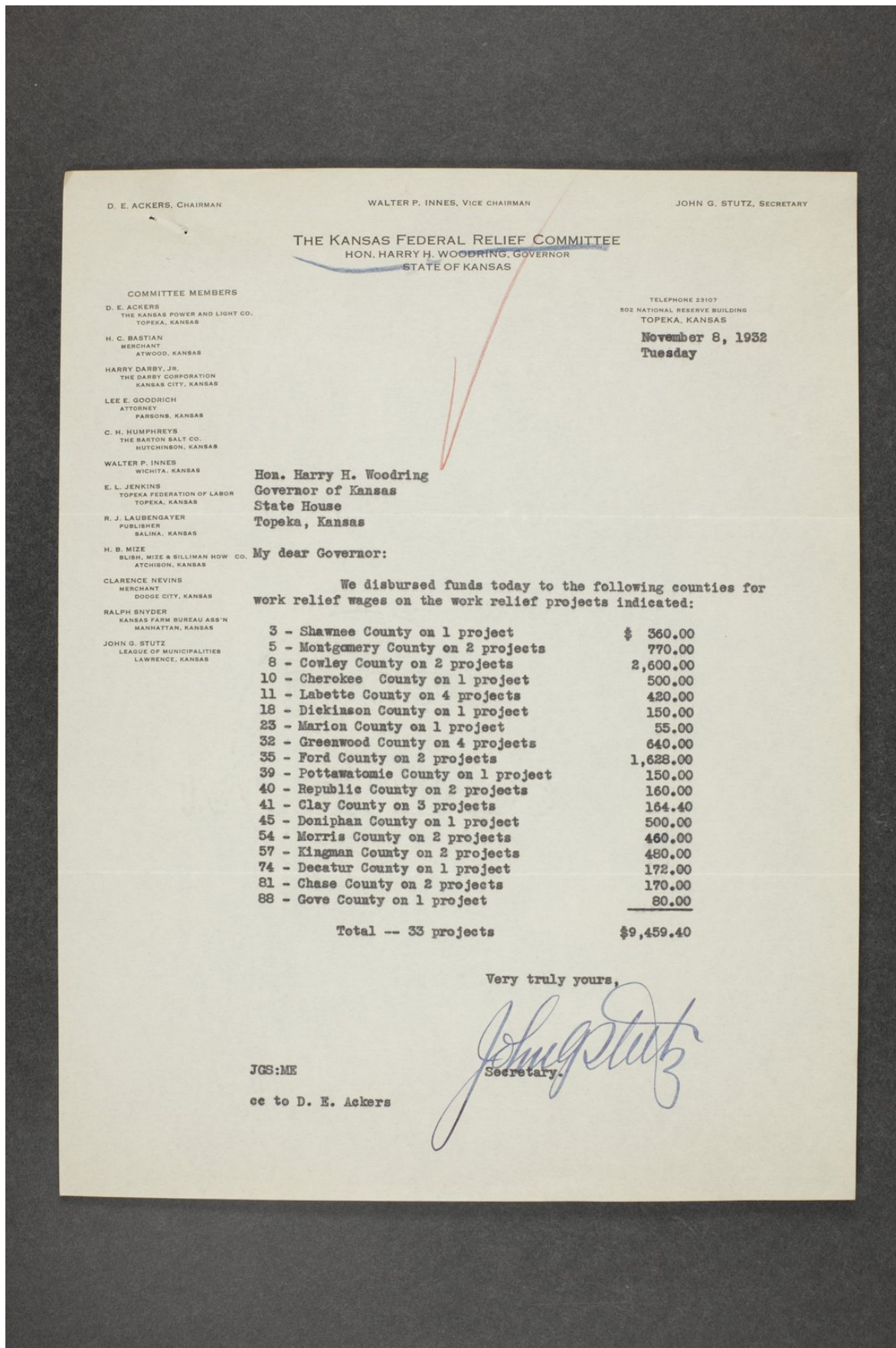
It is further stated that the Legislature does not convene until January, next, and legislation could not be passed and become effective in time to meet the immediate emergency.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation heretofore has made available \$366,597 to meet current emergency relief needs in other Texas political subdivisions.

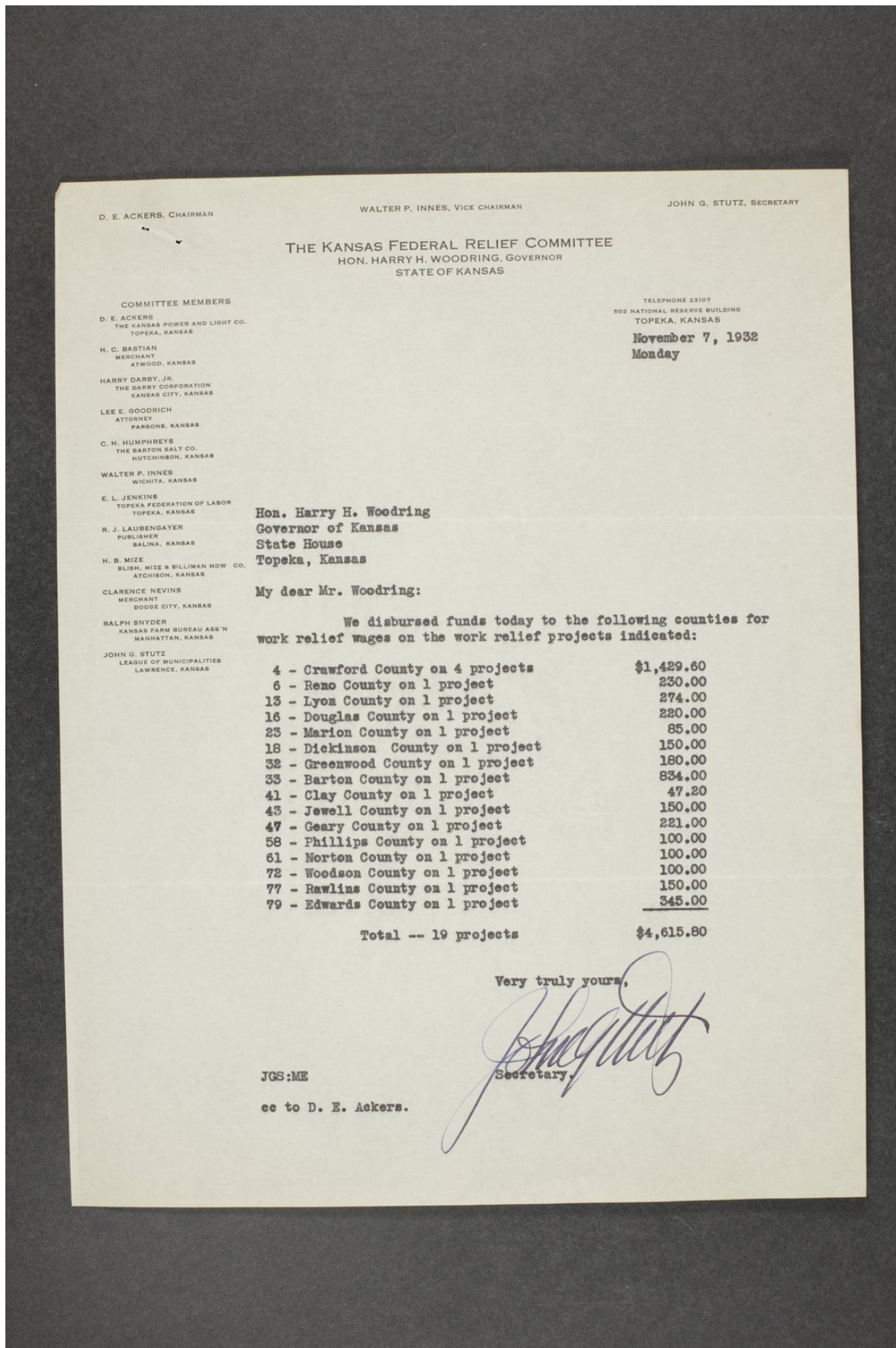
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RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION
WASHINGTON

November 9, 1932.

Honorable Harry N. Woodring,
Governor, State of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Woodring:

This letter will confirm the telegram which was immediately sent you upon action of the Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, making available \$13,634 to meet current emergency relief needs for the period from November 1 to December 31, 1932, under Title I, Section 1, Subsection (c) of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 as follows:

Franklin County	\$8,435
Nemaha County	<u>5,199</u>
	\$13,634

The total amount of \$13,634 will be made available in two equal installments, the first to be paid as soon as conveniently possible and the second on December 1, 1932.

It is to be understood that such supplementary relief funds as are paid for work relief will be used upon the basis of the following definition:

Work relief is wages or other compensation, in cash or in kind, paid for work under the following conditions: (1) the recipients of work relief and the amounts given are both determined upon the basis of actual need; (2) the funds for such relief are made available from those specifically appropriated or contributed for relief purposes; (3) the funds are used for worth while projects determined by the locality, which could not otherwise be undertaken at the time or in the immediate future.

It is further to be understood that the action of the Corporation in making funds available does not diminish the responsibility of the counties herein named and the State of Kansas to make every effort to develop their resources to provide relief; and that the action taken at this time does not establish a precedent which will be binding in considering later applications.

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Honorable Harry N. Woodring

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November 9, 1932

A form of receipt, to be completed and delivered by you to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City upon payment of the first installment of the advance authorized, has been sent to you under separate cover.

For your information we are enclosing a copy of the resolution adopted by the Board.

Very truly yours,

Fred C. Croxton

Fred C. Croxton,
Assistant to the Directors.

Enclosures.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO GOVERNOR
OF KANSAS

WHEREAS, application under Section 1 of Title I of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 has been made to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by the Honorable Harry H. Woodring, Governor of the State of Kansas, to make available to the State of Kansas, by payment to him as Governor of said State, the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$13,634.00); and

WHEREAS, in said application, the said the Honorable Harry H. Woodring, Governor of the State of Kansas, has certified the necessity for such funds and that the resources of the State of Kansas, including moneys then available and which can be made available by said State, its political subdivisions and private contributions, are inadequate to meet its relief needs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is of opinion that the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$13,634.00) is necessary for the purpose of furnishing relief and work relief to needy and distressed people and in relieving the hardship resulting from unemployment in said State and that the immediately available resources of said State of Kansas, including moneys now available and which can be made available by said State, its political subdivisions and private contributions, are inadequate for such purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, after due consideration of the aforesaid application and of the report of Fred C. Croxton, Assistant to the Directors, dated the 4th day of November, 1932, be it

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid application of the Honorable Harry H. Woodring, Governor of the State of Kansas, be approved in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$13,634.00), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation make available to the State of Kansas, by payment to the Governor of said State, the

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sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$13,634.00),
upon the following terms and conditions:

That, coincidently with payment, there shall be deposited with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation the receipt of the Governor of the State of Kansas, as required under subdivision (d) of Section 1 of Title I of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932, and in form satisfactory to General Counsel of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Said receipt shall recite, among other things, that the State of Kansas and the Governor of said State shall give consideration to possible methods of providing further funds by or within said State and by or within the municipalities or political subdivisions or other communities of said State, and report thereon to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation be and he hereby is authorized to direct the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City to pay the aforesaid sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$13,634.00) to the Honorable Harry H. Woodring, as Governor of the State of Kansas, against the receipt of said Governor as required under subdivision (d) of Section 1 of Title I of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932, in form satisfactory to General Counsel of this Corporation, in such installments and upon such conditions as may be approved by General Counsel of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, or Counsel designated by him; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all legal details pertaining to the matters herein provided for and the documents to be delivered shall be approved by General



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Counsel of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, or Counsel designated
by him.

I, _____, Secretary of the
Reconstruction Finance Corporation, hereby certify that this and the
preceding two pages contain a true and correct copy of a resolution
duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance
Corporation on the ____ day of _____, 1932.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name as
Secretary and affixed the seal of the Corporation this ____ day of
_____, 1932.

SECRETARY
RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

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TELEGRAM

RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION
WASHINGTON

November 8, 1932

VIA COMMERCIAL WIRE

HON HARRY H. WOODRING
GOVERNOR STATE OF KANSAS
TOPEKA KANSAS

UNDER YOUR CERTIFICATE AND APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL
FUNDS RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION HAS NOW MADE
AVAILABLE THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR DOLLARS
FOR CURRENT RELIEF NEEDS IN FRANKLIN AND SEMMAHA COUNTIES
FROM NOVEMBER FIRST TO DECEMBER TWENTY FIRST stop LETTER
FOLLOWS

FELIX CRONIN
ASSISTANT MANAGER DIRECTORS

CONFIRMATION

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D. E. ACKERS, CHAIRMAN WALTER P. INNES, VICE CHAIRMAN JOHN G. STUTZ, SECRETARY

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TELEPHONE 23107
802 NATIONAL RESERVE BUILDING
TOPEKA, KANSAS

November 9, 1932
Wednesday

Hon. Harry H. Woodring
Governor of Kansas
State House
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Governor:

We disbursed funds today to the following counties for work relief wages on the work relief projects indicated:

4 - Crawford County on 9 projects	\$2,200.40
2 - Sedgwick County on 1 project	3,500.00
5 - Montgomery County on 2 projects	2,890.00
10 - Cherokee County on 2 projects	280.00
11 - Labette County on 1 project	250.00
13 - Lyon County on 1 project	360.00
27 - Wilson County on 2 projects	540.00
31 - Miami County on 1 project	470.00
40 - Republic County on 1 project	70.00
57 - Kingman County on 1 project	150.00
61 - Norton County on 2 projects	450.00
65 - Ottawa County on 3 projects	1,094.00
68 - Elk County on 3 projects	1,080.00
70 - Rooks County on 1 project	182.00
83 - Trego County on 2 projects	330.00
88 - Gove County on 3 projects	275.00
99 - Wallace County on 5 projects	370.00
Total -- 40 projects	\$14,491.40

Very truly yours,

JGS:ME
cc to D. E. Ackers

Secretary.

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TOPEKA, KANSAS

November 10, 1932
Thursday

Hon. Harry H. Woodring
Governor of Kansas
State House
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Governor:

We disbursed funds today to the following counties for work relief wages on the work relief projects indicated:

1 - Wyandotte County on 6 projects	\$7,810.00
3 - Shawnee County on 4 projects	1,884.00
4 - Crawford County on 1 project	1,085.00
6 - Reno County on 1 project	250.00
8 - Cowley County on 2 projects	450.00
13 - Lyon County on 1 project	230.00
11 - Labette County on 2 projects	140.00
16 - Douglas County on 2 projects	375.00
32 - Greenwood County on 4 projects	387.60
36 - Cloud County on 3 projects	670.00
43 - Jewell County on 1 project	440.00
44 - Coffey County on 1 project	395.00
45 - Doniphan County on 1 project	370.00
50 - Smith County on 2 projects	167.20
51 - Harper County on 1 project	80.00
73 - Rush County on 1 project	200.00
78 - Thomas County on 1 project	847.00
88 - Gove County on 3 projects	250.00
96 - Scott County on 1 project	300.00
Total -- 38 projects --	\$16,330.80

Very truly yours,
John G. Stutz
Secretary.

JGS:ME
cc to D. E. Ackers

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My dear Governor:

We disbursed funds today to the following counties for
work relief wages on the work relief projects indicated:

1 - Wyandotte County on 3 projects	\$1,302.40
10 - Cherokee County on 1 project	88.00
13 - Lyon County on 1 project	100.00
18 - Dickinson County on 1 project	250.00
23 - Marion County on 1 project	206.00
29 - Osage County on 1 project	230.00
31 - Miami County on 1 project	102.00
41 - Clay County on 3 projects	188.80
70 - Rooks County on 1 project	290.00
Total -- 13 projects --	\$2,757.20

Very truly yours,

John G. Stutz
Secretary.

JGS:ME

cc to D. E. Ackers