

*Motion - Lemings  
and - Phillips*

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
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The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, May 21st, 2020 at County Van Buren County Courthouse Annex in Clinton, Arkansas for the regular monthly meeting, with Judge James presiding. Members of the Quorum Court attending were Justice of the Peace Holt, N. Brown, S. Brown, Phillips, Hensley, Bradford, Tatum, Lemings, and Bass. Also attending was Pam Bradford, County Clerk, and Attorney Carol Crews.

**Next: PRAYER:** Given by J.P. Lemings

**Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited by all

**Next: ROLL CALL:** All were present.

**Next: MINUTES:** J.P. Phillips motioned to accept the minutes of April 16th, 2020 as amended. J.P. Holt seconded the motion. Judge James asked for discussion, there was none. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Next: TREASURER'S REPORT:** J.P. Lemings made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as printed, J.P. Tatum seconded the motion. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

**Next: APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS:** J.P. Holt made a motion to accept the Appropriation Analysis as printed, J.P. S. Brown seconded the motion. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Appropriation Analysis was approved unanimously.

**Next: COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT:** Judge James gave the County Road Report. [Report Attached]

**Next: Sheriff Lucas Emberton** gave the sheriff's report. [Report Attached]

**Next: Ozark Medical Health Center Administrator David Deaton** presented a proposal to have a special election on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for a ½ cent sales tax. The cost of the election would be about \$30,000, which Deaton said the hospital would be glad to pay. When asked why we need a special election only two months before the general election, he stated OHMC does not want it to be overshadowed by the politics in the general.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. NEXT J.P. PHILIPS READ AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A NEW FUND #3511 FOR THE COUNTY HOSPITAL A.E.D.C. GRANT AND TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Holt. J.P. S. Brown moved to suspend the rules to read the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings by title only, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. The motion passed. J.P. Philips read the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-14.**
- B. NEXT J.P. BRADFORD READ AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE SERVICES AND/OR GOODS FROM PROUT IMPLEMENT COMPANY, TO DECLARE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, DUE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF A COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO IS THE SPOUSE OF THE OWNER/EMPLOYEE OF SAID BUSINESS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Bradford made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. The judge asked for any discussion. J.P. Tatum asked how long they have been in business, Deb Prout answered 12 years. J.P. S. Brown asked why it was an emergency ordinance. County Clerk Pam Bradford stated the auditors stated it needed to be this way since we have previously purchased from them. Judge James stated the purpose of the ordinance is to be transparent to the public about how money is being spent and without bringing it before the court it could be considered a conflict of interest. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-15.**
- C. NEXT J.P. HOLT READ AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REVISED VAN BUREN COUNTY EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY FOR ALL VAN BUREN COUNTY EMPLOYEES.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Lemings. The judge asked for any discussion. J.P. Bradford asked about comp time. Judge James and J.P. Holt stated that the officials would be on top of employees using their time. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-16.**
- 1. NEXT J.P. BASS READ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITE RIVER PLANNING AND.** After reading the resolution, J.P. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Holt. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The resolution was approved and given **No. 2020-15.**
- 2. NEXT J.P. LEMINGS READ A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED QUORUM COURT MEMBER OF DISTRICT #5 TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE.** After reading the resolution, J.P. Lemings made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. The resolution was approved and given **No. 2020-16.**

**TRANSFERS**

J.P. Holt read the transfers.

**1000-120-3006** (utilities-electric) to **1000-123-3009** (other professional services)  
**3408-302-3001** (accounting-auditing) to **3408-302-2020** (building repairs/supplies)

J.P. Holt moved to approve the transfers, seconded by J.P. Philips.  
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Meeting adjourned.

Pam Bradford

Van Buren County Clerk

PB/am

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*Amanda Mitchell* D.I.

# County Road and Equipment Report

May, 2020

Road Improvement Projects have been completed on the following roads. The flood interrupted the progress but we will resume immediately following those repairs.

Kemper, Pennington, Scratchgravel, Graddy, Boone, and County Line Road (Bee Branch). Significant work is in progress on Clella Circle, Lake Cliff Road, and Dorothy Drive.

We requested and received 75' of used bridge steel from ARDOT through their program designed to make good use of bridges which are being replaced. We plan to use the steel next year and build a new bridge over Archey Creek on Archey Road. We are improving Archey Road later this year. The bridge will be professionally engineered and our own crew will build it to the engineer's specs. This will be a very nice, two lane bridge replacing a compromised one lane bridge.

Eastern VBC received 6.9" of rain over the weekend with over 4" falling very quickly. We sustained quite a bit of road damage but the crew has worked feverishly to make every road passable and as smooth as possible.

The road crew is operating normally after COVID-19 changed the way we gather. We couldn't gather at the shop in group and we couldn't carpool to the jobsites. We are meeting in the yard now and riding to the jobsites in pairs. We are as back to normal as we can be.

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Patrol Activity Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Domestic:	14	20	27	32									93
Domestic Assist	15	16	16	35									82
Animal Calls	42	56	57	54									209
Papers Served	86	76	59	1									222
Transports	122	71	10	10									213
Federal Transports	7	4	0	1									12
Accidents Investigated	8	7	6	13									34
Welfare Checks	12	12	11	14									49
Vin Verification	9	2	1	2									14
Alarm Calls	15	9	11	33									68
Fire Calls	6	3	3	2									14
Assist Motorist	34	32	12	17									95
Traffic Stops	367	283	91	8									749
Arrests	38	47	22	5									112
Other Calls/Contacts	256	216	158	151									781
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1031</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2747</b>

Hours in Court	85.5	28	26	0									139.5
Citations	57	39	8	7									111
Property Checks	203	146	238	461									1048

CID Activity Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Misdemeanor</b>												
Drug Violations	8	2	1	1								
Personal	5	16	9	8								
Property	11	5	10	10								
<b>Felony</b>												
Drug Violations	9	6	4	0								
Personal	7	4	5	6								
Property	7	11	9	10								
Felony Arrests	17	15	6	1								
DWI's	0	0	0	0								
CID Call Outs	5	3	3	1								
Search Warrants	2	0	1	0								
Misc contacts	0	0	0	0								
Seizures	3	0	0	0								
Complaint Cards	258	283	282	317								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Animal Control Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TYD Totals
<b>VBC County</b>													
Calls	25	30	41	33									104
Dog pick up	20	20	14	3									37
cats	2	1	0	0									1
tickets written	0	0	0	1									1
<b>City</b>													
Calls	10	13	9	6									28
Dog Pick up	4	3	0	0									3
Cats	0	0	0	0									0
tickets written	3	1	0	0									1
<b>Total Calls</b>	35	43	50	39									132
<b>Total Dog pick ups</b>	24	23	14	3									40
<b>Total Cat pick ups</b>	2	1	0	0									1
<b>Total tickets written</b>	3	1	0	1									2

Detention Center Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Intake</b>												
VBC	75	57	42	2								
FFB	3	1	2	0								
CPD	8	8	8	1								
DAM	1	1	0	0								
FED	0	1	2	0								
ASP	11	9	5	0								
<b>TOTAL Intake</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Release</b>												
VBC	82	56	60	7								
FFB	1	1	2	0								
CPD	12	9	11	1								
DAM	1	1	0	0								
FED	1	1	3	3								
ASP	12	7	7	0								
<b>TOTAL Release</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current inmates</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>								
includes 309's	7	7	7	6								
includes FED	17	19	15	12								