

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
August 20, 2020

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, August 20th, 2020 at the 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, Philips, Bradford, Hensley, Tatum, Lemings, and Bass. Also attending was Pam Bradford, County Clerk, and Attorney Carol Crews.

Next: PRAYER:

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited by all

Next: ROLL CALL: All were present. J.P. Lemings arrived late.

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

Next: TREASURER'S REPORT: J.P. Tatum made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as printed, J.P. N. Brown 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. He stated Monday August 24th the sheriff's office would attempt a soft opening of the front office after having it closed due to phase one from the virus. [Report Attached]

Next: David Emmerling, the new president of the library board, asked the court for approval of a new library board member, Vicky Parker. Judge James stated the issue would be addressed by resolution at the next quorum court meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NEXT J.P. LEMINGS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2019-55, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2020, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$24,396.22 INTO COUNTY GENERAL.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Lemings made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. Bass asked if everyone from the primary election had been paid. Bobby Bennett, an ex-election commissioner, stated she did not receive enough pay. J.P. Holt reiterated the money was misused by the previous election commissioners. J.P. S. Brown stated that this is a separate issue from this ordinance. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-21.**

J.P. Philips moved to suspend the rules to read the added resolution, seconded by J.P. Holt The motion passed.

- 1. NEXT J.P. HOLT READ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BANCORPSOUTH EQUIPMENR FINANCE, A DIVISION OF BANCORPSOUTH BANK FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASE-PURCHASING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT.** After reading the resolution, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. The lease-purchase agreement was for three Mack trucks purchased by the previous County Judge, Roger Hooper. Judge James stated the end of the five-year balloon loan had ended and they had they option to buy. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-20.**

The ordinance was pulled. **[AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE POSITION OF ELECTION COORDINATOR AS CONTRACT LABOR AND TO INCREASE FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE \$3,200.00 INTO LINE ITEM 1000-109-1004 CONTRACT LABOR.]**

TRANSFERS

There were none.

J.P. Holt motioned to adjourn, seconded by J.P. S. Brown.

All "1"

Meeting adjourned.

Pam Bradford

Van Buren County Clerk

PB/am

County Road and Equipment Report

August 2021

Road improvement projects were completed on:

- Nixon Mountain Road
- Gulf Mountain

Graders have been running nonstop and we have taken advantage of the weather to pull ditches

Bridge repair work has been a priority. The state of Arkansas sends in bridge inspectors and gives us a report on bridges. The state has stepped up their inspections as many counties have not been completing work as stated on the reports. It has been discussed that state funding be suspended to counties which are ignoring their bridge reports.

Lots of pothole patching on Chip/Seal roads.

Mowing/brush crew has been working to complete as many roads as possible.

We are gearing up for the two HUGE grant projects on Archey Road and Peyton Mountain Road. Both projects were approved at \$75,000.00 each through mitigation and Arkansas Unpaved Roads, respectively.

A 20,000 ton blast was completed at the North Quarry. This makes 80,000 tons so far for this year. VBC has produced just under \$1,000,000.00 of rocks/gravel so far this year at the following cost to the county:

Payroll and Benefits: \$99,315.85

Blasting: \$89,600.00

Lease at Formosa Quarry: \$21,000.00

Maintenance/Repairs/Fuel: \$10,000.00

Equipment Payments: \$80,000.00

Total: \$299,915.85

I appreciate the Quorum Court for approving the purchase of the equipment necessary to conduct our own gravel operation. The county could not afford as much gravel as we have hauled and delivered at retail price. The price per ton will decrease even further when the crushing equipment is paid off.

During the gas/oil exploration times, the gas companies surfaced several roads in the County and paid to have several chip/sealed. Between the roads that the gas companies funded and what the county funded on its own we have a good number of surfaced roads.

Time is taking a toll on those roads and many are aging very poorly. Therefore; the decision has been made, that any further paving and/or chip/sealing on county roads will be to overlay/repair existing surfaced roads. Exceptions will be made for grant funded projects.

We must spend our tax dollars wisely and I do not want currently surfaced roads to one day have to revert to gravel unless absolutely necessary. A tax increase is not the answer. This plan will maintain what we have and allow us to make much better gravel roads. Many of our gravel roads are smoother and better suited for VBC's terrain than surfaced roads.

Dale James

Patrol Activity Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Domestic:	14	20	27	32	23	21	29						166
Domestic Assist	15	16	16	35	23	16	18						139
Animal Calls	42	56	57	54	68	41	46						364
Papers Served	86	76	59	1	11	44	51						328
Transports	122	71	10	10	10	26	10						259
Federal Transports	7	4	0	1	1	4	0						17
Accidents Investigated	8	7	6	13	19	15	16						84
Welfare Checks	12	12	11	14	11	15	22						97
Vin Verification	9	2	1	2	0	4	13						31
Alarm Calls	15	9	11	33	26	10	21						125
Fire Calls	6	3	3	2	0	8	10						32
Assist Motorist	34	32	12	17	8	18	26						147
Traffic Stops	367	283	91	8	51	209	194						1203
Arrests	38	47	22	5	41	35	23						211
Other Calls/Contacts	256	216	158	151	133	201	204						1319
Total Calls for Service	611	511	314	469	369	331	456						3061
TOTALS	1642	1365	798	847	794	998	1139	0	0	0	0	0	7583
Hours in Court	85.5	28	26	0	10	60	63						272.5
Citations	57	39	8	7	50	55	63						279
Property Checks	203	146	238	461	489	288	279						2104

CID Activity Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Misdemeanor												
Drug Violations	8	2	1	1	2	8	5					
Personal	5	16	9	8	11	9	14					
Property	11	5	10	10	9	8	13					
Felony												
Drug Violations	9	6	4	0	6	7	14					
Personal	7	4	5	6	8	11	9					
Property	7	11	9	10	6	9	1					
Felony Arrests	17	15	6	1	4	4	9					
Unemployment Fraud							25					
Internet crimes against Children Arrest							2					
DWI's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
CID Call Outs	5	3	3	1	3	5	7					
Search Warrants	2	0	1	0	0	0	7					
Misc contacts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Seizures	3	0	0	0	1	0	1					
Complaint Cards	258	283	282	317	364	327	614					
TOTAL	332	345	330	354	414	388	721	0	0	0	0	0

Animal Control Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TYD Totals
VBC County													
Calls	25	30	41	33	48	20	30						202
Dog pick up	20	20	14	3	13	6	12						68
cats	2	1	0	0	0	0	3						4
tickets written	0	0	0	1	0	0	0						1
City													
Calls	10	13	9	6	10	8	8						54
Dog Pick up	4	3	0	0	3	1	1						8
Cats	0	0	0	0	0	3	2						5
tickets written	3	1	0	0	0	2	0						3
Total Calls	35	43	50	39	58	28	38						256
Total Dog pick ups	24	23	14	3	16	7	13						76
Total Cat pick ups	2	1	0	0	0	3	5						9
Total tickets written	3	1	0	1	0	2	0						4

Detention Center Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Intake												
VBC	75	57	42	2	15	9	15					
FFB	3	1	2	0	0	0	0					
CPD	8	8	8	1	0	0	1					
DAM	1	1	0	0	0	0	0					
FED	0	1	2	0	0	2	6					
ASP	11	9	5	0	5	0	2					
TOTAL Intake	98	77	59	3	20	11	24	0	0	0	0	0
Release												
VBC	82	56	60	7	6	12	12					
FFB	1	1	2	0	0	0	0					
CPD	12	9	11	1	0	0	2					
DAM	1	1	0	0	0	2	0					
FED	1	1	3	3	0	1	0					
ASP	12	7	7	0	6	0	2					
TOTAL Release	109	75	83	11	12	15	16	0	0	0	0	0
Current inmates	62	62	40	40	29	30	36					
includes 309's	7	7	7	6	4	4	4					
includes FED	17	19	15	12	12	13	19					

Det charge to city Log

	Past Due	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Intake							
FFB	\$ 159.00	\$ -		\$ 159.00	none	none	none
CPD		\$ 318.00	\$ 424.00	\$ 212.00	none	none	none
DAM		\$ -	\$ 53.00		none	none	none
TOTAL Intake		\$ 318.00	\$ 477.00	\$ 371.00			
past due	\$ 159.00						
	paid	paid	paid	paid	n/a	n/a	n/a
Intake		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
FFB		n/a					
CPD		n/a					
DAM		n/a					
TOTAL Intake							