

*Motion - Holt  
and - Tatum*

**VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**September 17, 2020**

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, September 17th, 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.

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MINUTES Book  
10/16/2020 10:53 AM  
PAM BRADFORD  
County Clerk  
VAN BUREN County, AR

**Next: PRAYER**

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

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

**Next: MINUTES:** J.P. Philips motioned to accept the minutes of August 20, 2020 as printed. J.P. Lemings 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. Philips 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. N. 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:** Chief Deputy Sheriff, Randy Churches gave the sheriff's report. Administrative Assistant Deb Prout answered questions about COVID-19 safety at the jail. [Report Attached]

**Next:** David Deaton, CEO of Ozark Health Medical Center, gave a presentation for the hospital and a COVID update. County Clerk, Pam Bradford, asked about public speculation that the hospital would not let the helicopter land. Mr. Deaton stated he didn't have the information but he would find out. Van Buren County Citizen, Jonathan Jackson, stated that the hospital tax issue was thrown out there without real numbers or an explanation of what the hospital is needing the taxes for. J.P. S. Brown asked if the hospital is able to use the tax for maintenance at all. She stated being open with what they need the tax for might allow people to be open

with their wallets. She stated if you want the county to grow you have to have the resources. Van Buren County citizen, Adam Kuipers, stated he went to the hospital to ask questions to which the answers were not readily available. Mr. Deaton at that time stated he would be able to ask those questions at public meetings, which of those meetings Mr. Kuipers said no one knew about. He stated it showed a lot of disrespect to the citizens of Van Buren County from the administration.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. NEXT J.P. HOLT READ AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMENDING ORDINANCE #2020-10, WAGE AMOUNTS FOR THE ELECTION COMMISSION, TO ADD PAYABLE DUTIES OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. Philips asked if the commission has had issues already. County Clerk, Pam Bradford stated the ordinance is already happening just needed to be in ordinance form. She stated the money wouldn't need to be appropriated for more meetings, only internet, phone, ect. The 25\$ meeting ordinance was discussed which is implemented after the 10 meetings at \$100. The county clerk stated Election Commissioner, Will Fosse, would be paid for making the ballot. He stated they have had officially 4 meetings. Mr. Fosse stated he has been doing everything he can to save the budget and he was thinking of the budget when he didn't get paid for making the ballot. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-22.**
- B. NEXT J.P. PHILIPS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE MONIES BACK INTO THE ASSESSOR AND THE OEM BUDGETS FOR BILLS THAT WERE PAID FOR 911.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Lemings. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-23.**
- C. NEXT J.P. TATUM READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$4,040.52 FROM GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS INTO THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEM: 3009-0700-2023 MACHINERY REPAIRS AND PARTS.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Tatum made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Holt. Judge James asked for any discussion. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-24.**
- D. NEXT J.P. HOLT READ AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$37,500.00 INTO NECCESARY LINE ITEMS (CULVERT & PIPE/OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES).** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-25.**

E. NEXT J.P. BASS READ AN APPROPRIAION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2019-55, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2020, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE IN COUNTY GENERAL AND APPROPRIATE \$3,281.98 FOR THE ELECTION COMMISSION AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. After reading the ordinance, J.P. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Holt. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-26.**

1. NEXT J.P. BASS READ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAN BUREN COUNTY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. After reading the resolution, J.P. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-21.**

J.P. Holt moved to suspend the rules for the reading of the next added resolution, seconded by J.P. N. Brown.

2. NEXT J.P. N. BROWN READ A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD. After reading the resolution, J.P. N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2020-22.**

#### TRANSFERS

J.P. Philips moved to suspend the rules to dispense of the audible readings of the transfers, seconded by N. Brown.

J.P. Holt moved to approve the transfers, seconded by S. Brown. All "I". Transfers were approved.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Pam Bradford

Van Buren County Clerk

PB/am

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I certify that this instrument was  
filed on 10/16/2020 10:53 AM  
and recorded in  
MINUTES Book 2020  
PAM BRADFORD  
County Clerk  
VAN BUREN County, AR

*Amanda Mitchell* D.C.

# 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

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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.

Patrol Activity Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Domestic:	14	20	27	32	23	21	29	21					187
Domestic Assist	15	16	16	35	23	16	18	19					158
Animal Calls	42	56	57	54	68	41	46	66					430
Papers Served	86	76	59	1	11	44	51	67					395
Transports	122	71	10	10	10	26	10	19					278
Federal Transports	7	4	0	1	1	4	0	1					18
Accidents Investigated	8	7	6	13	19	15	16	21					105
Welfare Checks	12	12	11	14	11	15	22	29					126
Vin Verification	9	2	1	2	0	4	13	12					43
Alarm Calls	15	9	11	33	26	10	21	25					150
Fire Calls	6	3	3	2	0	8	10	6					38
Assist Motorist	34	32	12	17	8	18	26	60					207
Traffic Stops	367	283	91	8	51	209	194	219					1422
Arrests	38	47	22	5	41	35	23	31					242
Other Calls/Contacts	256	216	158	151	133	201	204	227					1546
Total Calls for Service	611	511	314	469	369	331	456	535					3596
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1642</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1139</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8941</b>

Hours in Court	85.5	28	26	0	10	60	63	59					331.5
Citations	57	39	8	7	50	55	63	42					321
Property Checks	203	146	238	461	489	288	279	368					2472

CID Activity Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Misdemeanor</b>												
Drug Violations	8	2	1	1	2	8	5	3				
Personal	5	16	9	8	11	9	14	18				
Property	11	5	10	10	9	8	13	15				
<b>Felony</b>												
Drug Violations	9	6	4	0	6	7	14	13				
Personal	7	4	5	6	8	11	9	13				
Property	7	11	9	10	6	9	1	4				
Felony Arrests	17	15	6	1	4	4	9	12				
Unemployment Fraud							25	9				
Internet crimes against Children Arrest							2	0				
DWI's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
CID Call Outs	5	3	3	1	3	5	7	4				
Search Warrants	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	2				
Misc contacts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Seizures	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0				
Complaint Cards	258	283	282	317	364	327	614	691				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>784</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	48	20	30	40					242
Dog pick up	20	20	14	3	13	6	12	12					80
cats	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	2					6
tickets written	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1					2
<b>City</b>													
Calls	10	13	9	6	10	8	8	8					62
Dog Pick up	4	3	0	0	3	1	1	2					10
Cats	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1					6
tickets written	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0					3
<b>Total Calls</b>	35	43	50	39	58	28	38	48					304
<b>Total Dog pick ups</b>	24	23	14	3	16	7	13	14					90
<b>Total Cat pick ups</b>	2	1	0	0	0	3	5	3					12
<b>Total tickets written</b>	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	1					5

Detention Center Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Intake</b>												
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					
<b>TOTAL Intake</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Release</b>												
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					
<b>TOTAL Release</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</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>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>					
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
<b>TOTAL Intake</b>		\$ 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					
<b>TOTAL Intake</b>							