

Motion - Holt
2nd - Hensley

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
January 21st, 2021

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, January 21st, 2021 6:00 P.M. 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, Tatum, Lemings, and Bass. Hensley was absent. Also attending were Pam Bradford, County Clerk.

Next: CALL TO ORDER:

Next: PRAYER: Sheriff Emberton

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pam Bradford, County Clerk

Next: ROLL CALL: Tatum was absent.

Next: AGENDA – J.P. Holt made a motion to approve the agenda and additional ordinance, seconded by J.P. Philips. Motion was passed.

Next: MINUTES: J.P. Holt made a motion to accept the minutes of December 17, 2020 as printed, seconded by J.P. Lemings. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Next: TREASURER'S REPORT: J.P.N. Brown made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as printed, seconded by J.P. Hensley. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. Holt asked why the soil conservation and Van Buren County Aging Program were in the red. Misty Wilson, VBC Treasurer explained and advised that the aging program is the same way. Judge James ask for any more discussions. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Next: APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS: J.P. Holt made a motion to accept the Appropriation Analysis as printed, seconded by J.P. S. Brown. 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'S REPORT: Sheriff Emberton gave the sheriff's report. He advised that the deputy slot had been filled with a full-time certified officer. He stated that they were taking applications for the new positions in the detention facility until January the 29th. [Report Attached]

Next: David Deaton – HOSPITAL FINACIAL REPORT:

David Deaton gave the financial report. (attached) Only one COVID death.

- A. Net Patient Revenue of \$28,383,288**
- B. Operating expenses of \$28,936,770**
- C. Operating law for the year through end of June - \$553,482**
 - a. Includes depreciation amortization (before \$922,410)**
- D. Full-time Equivalent Employees – 288 (Roughly 340 on payroll)**
- E. Total wages and benefits last year – \$16,398,628**

Next: J.P. Holt made a motion to nominate J.P. Phillips as the quorum court delegate for the Association of Arkansas Counties membership for 2021, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The motion passed.

Next: Discussion concerning the 2019 Legislative Audit Report: J.P. Phillips made a motion to accept the 2019 Audit Report, seconded by J.P. Holt. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS LEAVE POLICIES IN TIME OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to accept, seconded by J.P. Phillips. Judge James asked for any discussion. The sheriff asked where the money would come from when time was taken off. Judge James validated it would come out of our existing budge. After lengthy discussion J.P. Holt made a motion to amend the ordinance to add #9 'Ordinance expires Feb. 18 2021', seconded by Philips. Motion passed to amend the ordinance. Judge James asked for any other discussion, there was none. The Ordinance was approved and given No. 2021-01
- B. AN APPROPRIATION ORIDNANCE TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE MONIES BACK INTO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND FROM THE COUNTY ROAD FUND.** J.P. S. Brown made a motion to accept, seconded by J.P. Phillip. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none. The ordinance was approved and given No. 2021-02
- C. AN APPROPRIATION ORIDNANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2020-42, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2021, TO INCREASED THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$669.04 INTO THE DETENTION CENTER BUDGET #1000-418.** J.P. Holt made a motion to accept, second by J.P. Phillips. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none. The ordinance was approved and given No. 2021-03

D. AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2020-42, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2021, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$15,579.04 INTO THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUDGET #1000-120. J.P. N. Brown made a motion to accept, seconded by J.P. Hensley. Judge James asked for any discussion and stated that this was for the heat/air units that had been installed. J.P. Bass asked what the total loan was for. County Clerk Bradford advised, \$70,392.08 The ordinance was approved and given No. 2021-03

- 1. A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE 2021 COUNTY COMMITTEES.** After reading the resolution, J.P. Holt made a motion to accept, seconded by J.P. S. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none. The Resolution was passed and given No. 2021-01

- 2. A RESOLUTION AUTHRIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAN BUREN COUNTY AND THE VAN BUREN COUNTY CLERK TO SIGN FOR A LETTER OF CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,000.00 WITH FIRST SERVICE BANK TO BE USED FOR THE TRANSFER STATION.** After reading the resolution J.P. Phillips made a motion to accept, second by J.P. Holt. Judge James advised that this is required in-case of a closing. The Resolution was passed and given No. 2021-02

- 3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRBUTION OF A SAFETY BONUS TO EMPLOYEES OF THE VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT.** After reading the resolution. J.P. Phillips made a motion to accept, second by J.P. N. Brown. After a lengthy discussion, the resolution was passed, and given No. 2021-03

TRANSFERS:

J.P. S. Brown made a motion to dispense by audible reading of the transfers, seconded by J.P. Philips. Motion passed, all transfers were approved.

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

COUNTY ROADS AND EQUIPMENT REPORT JANUARY 2021

The freeze/thaw cycle is certainly taking a toll on the county roads. We have grader crews working constantly to cut out the potholes and smooth up the roads as best as we can. We are spot blading currently as not to mess up the good places. Complete beginning to end grading will resume when the weather breaks.

The VBC Road Department celebrates 3 years of being accident-free as of January 17th. Their jobs are dangerous and this is no small accomplishment. There is a resolution in the packet that we will discuss later in the meeting.

Most of the Road Crew chose to use their accumulated time to take off for the holidays. Immediately following the two-week period of having a small work crew, we had several quarantined with COVID19. We are slowly beginning to recover and are almost back to a full working staff.

Work still continues on the large grant-funded projects (Archey Road and Peyton Mountain Road). We hope to have a ribbon cutting on the Peyton Mountain Project within the next couple of weeks, weather permitting.

We are finalizing plans for the 2021 calendar. I don't want to get as over zealous as I did in 2020. We had to carry over some projects to this year.

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	26	26	20	14	273
Domestic Assist	15	16	16	35	23	16	18	19	21	19	21	26	245
Animal Calls	42	56	57	54	68	41	46	66	56	80	40	50	656
Papers Served	86	76	59	1	11	44	51	67	93	70	110	66	734
Transports	122	71	10	10	10	26	10	19	14	5	34	39	370
Federal Transports	7	4	0	1	1	4	0	1	4	0	3	6	31
Accidents Investigated	8	7	6	13	19	15	16	21	20	16	26	14	181
Welfare Checks	12	12	11	14	11	15	22	29	26	13	22	27	214
Vin Verification	9	2	1	2	0	4	13	12	8	2	8	8	69
Alarm Calls	15	9	11	33	26	10	21	25	34	18	31	13	246
Fire Calls	6	3	3	2	0	8	10	6	0	1	5	3	47
Assist Motorist	34	32	12	17	8	18	26	60	39	20	18	28	312
Traffic Stops	367	283	91	8	51	209	194	219	195	190	141	140	2088
Arrests	38	47	22	5	41	35	23	31	12	24	54	18	350
Other Calls/Contacts	256	216	158	151	133	201	204	227	180	170	140	184	2220
Total Calls for Service	611	511	314	469	369	331	456	535	469	502	253	543	5363
TOTALS	1642	1365	798	847	794	998	1139	1358	1197	1156	926	1179	13399

Hours in Court	85.5	28	26	0	10	60	63	59	74	52	90	65	612.5
Citations	57	39	8	7	50	55	63	42	28	28	36	34	447
Property Checks	203	146	238	461	489	288	279	368	443	570	446	523	4454

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	3	0	1	3	4
Personal	5	16	9	8	11	9	14	18	11	8	11	11
Property	11	5	10	10	9	8	13	15	12	6	11	7
Felony												
Drug Violations	9	6	4	0	6	7	14	13	11	9	13	7
Personal	7	4	5	6	8	11	9	13	9	10	32	7
Property	7	11	9	10	6	9	1	4	9	8	5	9
Felony Arrests	17	15	6	1	4	4	9	12	9	15	12	9
Unemployment Fraud							25	9	7	7	0	0
Internet crimes against Children Arrest							2	0	0		0	0
DWI's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CID Call Outs	5	3	3	1	3	5	7	4	1	2	4	5
Search Warrants	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	2	2	1	2	3
Misc contacts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seizures	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Complaint Cards	258	283	282	317	364	327	614	691	546	363	415	571
TOTAL	332	345	330	354	414	388	721	784	617	430	509	634

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	40	36	38	20	33	369
Dog pick up	20	20	14	3	13	6	12	12	3	2	3	10	98
cats	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	1	9
tickets written	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	5
City													
Calls	10	13	9	6	10	8	8	8	6	10	8	12	98
Dog Pick up	4	3	0	0	3	1	1	2	2	13	2	4	31
Cats	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	1	2	10
tickets written	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total Calls	35	43	50	39	58	28	38	48	42	51	28	45	470
Total Dog pick ups	24	23	14	3	16	7	13	14	5	15	5	14	129
Total Cat pick ups	2	1	0	0	0	3	5	3	1	2	1	3	19
Total tickets written	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	8

Detention Center Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Intake												
VBC	75	57	42	2	15	9	15	15	16	20	54	17
FFB	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
CPD	8	8	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	4	3
DAM	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FED	0	1	2	0	0	2	6	0	3	0	0	1
ASP	11	9	5	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	2	1
TOTAL Intake	98	77	59	3	20	11	24	15	19	26	60	23
Release												
VBC	82	56	60	7	6	12	12	13	14	19	40	25
FFB	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
CPD	12	9	11	1	0	0	2	0	0	4	3	3
DAM	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
FED	1	1	3	3	0	1	0	6	1	2	1	2
ASP	12	7	7	0	6	0	2	0	0	1	2	1
TOTAL Release	109	75	83	11	12	15	16	19	15	27	46	32
Current inmates	62	62	40	40	29	30	36	35	39	41	36	33
includes 309's	7	7	7	6	4	4	4	4	7	7	7	7
includes FED	17	19	15	12	12	13	19	14	16	14	14	11

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	n/a	n/a	n/a

Intake		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
FFB		n/a	n/a	n/a	\$ -		\$ 53.00
CPD		n/a	n/a	n/a	\$ 212.00	\$ 212.00	\$ 53.00
DAM		n/a	n/a	n/a	\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL Intake					\$ 212.00	\$ 212.00	\$ 106.00
					paid	paid	

Ozark Health
 Annual Report
 to Van Buren County
 FYE 6-30-2020

	2020	Notes
Net Patient Revenue	\$ 28,383,288	Down \$351,572 from 2019
Operating Expenses	\$ 28,936,770	Down \$254,270 from 2019
Operating Gain (Loss)	\$ (553,482)	Down \$97,202 from 2019
Depreciation & Amortization	\$ 1,475,892	
Operating EBDA Gain (Loss)	\$ 922,410	Down \$343,136 from 2019
FTE	288	Down 10 from 2019
Wages & Benefits	\$ 16,398,628	Up \$67,858 from 2019
Hospital ADC	11	Down 2 from 2019
Nursing Home ADC	77	Up 4 from 2019
Home Health Visits	17,764	Down 2,268 from 2019
Emergency Visits	7,295	Down 225 from 2019
Door-to-Discharge	107 Minutes	
Transfer Percentage	12	

FY 2021 YTD through NOV

Net Patient Revenue (monthly)	\$ 2,437,414	Up \$72,140 from 2020
Operating Expenses (monthly)	\$ 2,604,216	Up \$192,818 from 2020
FTE	288	Same as 2020
Wages & Benefits (monthly)	\$ 1,446,751	Up \$80,198 from 2020
Hospital ADC	11	Same as 2020
Nursing Home ADC	75	Down 2 from 2020
Home Health Visits (monthly)	1,483	Down 3 from 2020
Emergency Visits (monthly)	589	
Door-to-Discharge	106 Minutes	
Transfer Percentage	11	

OZARK HEALTH HEROES OF THE YEAR - 2020

Billie Duncan (Laboratory)

Robert Wilder (Environmental Services)