**VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**May 20, 2021**

**The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, May 20th, 2021 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, Hensley, Bradford, Tatum, Lemings, and Bass. Also attending were Pam Bradford, County Clerk, and Attorney Carol Crews.**

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

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

**Next: ROLL CALL:** All present

**Next:** J.P. Holt made a motion to approve an additional Resolution, seconded by J.P. Philips.

Motion was approved.

**Next: MINUTES:** J.P. Lemings motioned to accept the minutes of April 15th, 2021 as printed. J.P. S. Brown 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. Philips 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’S REPORT:** Sheriff Emberton gave the sheriff’s and animal control report. [Report Attached] J.P. S. Brown asked about the over population in the jail. Sheriff Emberton advised that they were holding less Feds than normal, and only holding inmates that are absolutely necessary. He stated the issue is ‘quarantine’ and space.

**Next: COUNTY JUDGE’S COMMENTS :** Child Sex Abuse Round Table meeting May 21, 2021 in the Quorum Court room.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **NEXT: J.P. PHILIPS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2020-42, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2021, TO INCREASE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE $19,981.87 INTO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM #1000-400-4004.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P Holt asked the Sheriff to explain. Sheriff Emberton explained the Cellebrite System. The ordinance was approved and given **No.** **2021-15**
2. **NEXT: J.P. HENSLEY READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2020-42, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2021, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE $2,550.00 INTO THE SHERIFF’S BUDGET #1000-400.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Hensley made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. Tatum asked what the grant was for. Sheriff Emberton stated it was for holsters. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. 2021-16**
3. **NEXT: J.P. BRADFORD READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TOAMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2020-42, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2021, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE $58,607.00 INTO A NEW FUND #3512, DENNARD FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. S. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. Lemings asked what Line Contract/Audit was for. J.P. Tatum, explained a grant has to be audited. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. 2021-17**
4. **NEXT: J.P. HOLT READ AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY.** 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 passed and was given **No. 2021-18**

 J.P. Philips made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause, seconded by J.P. Tatum, motion

 Passed.

1. **NEXT: J.P. BASS READ AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO BE CALLED THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. Judge James explain about the money received. The Ordinance passed and was given **No. 2021-19**

J.P. Holt made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause, seconded by J.P. Tatum, motion passed**.**

1. **NEXT: J.P. HOLT READ A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A VACANCY ON THE HOSPITAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND TO APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE VACANCY.** After reading the resolution, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Hensley. Judge James asked for any discussion. The resolution was passed and was given **No. 2021-12**

**TRANSFERS:**

None

Judge James stated that our prayers were with Misty Wilson and her family for the passing of her mother

J.P. Holt motioned to adjourn, seconded by all.

**Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk**