

*Motion - Lemings  
2nd - Holt*

**VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**November 21, 2019**

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, November 21st, 2019 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 N. Brown, Linn, Bass, Holt, S. Brown, Philips, Bradford, Tatum, and Lemings. Also attending were Tonya Bonds, Administrative Assistant to the County Clerk, and Attorney Jacob Franklin.

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

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

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

**Next: MINUTES:** J.P. Lemings motioned to accept the minutes of October 17th, 2019 as printed. J.P. Linn seconded the motion. Judge James asked for discussion, there was none. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Next: TREASURER'S REPORT:** J.P. Holt 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. Philips 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]

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. NEXT: J. PHILIPS READ AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND APPROVING THE COLLECTION FOR THE YEAR 2019 THE VARIOUS PROPERTY TAXES HERETOFORE IMPOSED IN VAN BUREN COUNTY.** Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Linn. J.P. Holt made a motion to read the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of the ordinance by title only, seconded by J.P. Lemings. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. Bass asked how the VBC aging program is doing. Judge James stated it was doing poorly and they were doing that way statewide. Philip Ellis stated one way to help this issue instead of

increasing taxes is by increasing volunteerism. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2019-49.**

- B. NEXT: J.P. LINN READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2018-59, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2019, AND APPROPRIATE \$1,000.00 INTO THE DISTRICT COURT BUDGET #1000-409 FROM THE DISTRICT COURT AUTOMATION FUND #3003-409.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Linn made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Bass. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2019-50.**
- C. NEXT: J.P. BASS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2018-59, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2019, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$4,000.00 INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-400.** 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. 2019-51.**
- J.P. Holt made a motion to conduct the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the next ordinance by title only, seconded by J.P. Tatum.
- D. NEXT: J.P. BRADFORD READ AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCESS TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS.** After reading the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the ordinance, J.P. Bradford made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. N. Brown stated removing the limit number for the clubs was a good idea. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2019-52.**
- E. NEXT: J.P. HOLT READ AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND SETTING A DATE FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE LEVY OF GENERAL LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES AT THE AGGREGATE RATE OF ONE PERCENT (1.00%), THE ISSUANCE BY THE COUNTY OF SALES AND USE TAX REFUNDING BONDS, AND THE ISSUANCE BY THE COUNTY OF SALES AND USE TAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES; LEVYING GENERAL LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.** J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by J.P. Linn. J.P. Philips made a motion to suspend the rules to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings by title only, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. J.P. Holt performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings by title only. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. Tatum asked why they're calling it a special election. It was stated that it states in the statute that it is called a special election but will be held with the March primary election.

J.P. Tatum asked about the fire departments/ 911 tax. Judge James stated he should have caught that and made it clear what that money would be going for. .5% would be locked down for fire departments, split equally among the volunteer fire departments. J.P. N. Brown suggested tabling the ordinance to have more time to look over the little details in the large ordinance. J.P. Holt made a motion to table this ordinance to the next meeting, seconded by N. Brown. The motion passed.

- F. NEXT: J.P. LEMINGS READ AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF NO MORE THAN \$12,000.00 FROM THE COUNTY GERNERAL FUND TO THE EMERGENCY 911 FUND BY THE TREASURER, ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Lemings made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2019-53.**

J.P. Holt made a motion to suspend the rules to read the next added ordinance, seconded by J.P. Tatum.

- G. NEXT: J.P. S. BROWN READ AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ADDITIONAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND (ACT 416 OF 2019); AND TO DECLARE AND EMERGENCY.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. S. Brown 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. 2019-54.**

- 1. NEXT: J.P. HOLT READ A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO REIMBURSE COUNTY GENERAL FOR PERSONAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE STAFF AND THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.** 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 resolution was approved and given **No. 2019-14.**

J.P. Philips made a motion to suspend the rules to entertain the reading of this added resolution, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. The motion passed.

- 2. NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAN BUREN COUNTY TO PURCHASE A USED MACK TRUCK.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The resolution was approved and given **No. 2019-15.**

**TRANSFERS:**

J.P. Holt made a motion to dispense the audible reading of the transfer, seconded by J.P. Tatum. The motion was voted on and passed.

The transfers were voted on.

"All I", the transfers were approved.

Meeting adjourned.

**Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk**

**PB/am**

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County Clerk  
Van Buren County  
Pam Bradford  
County Clerk  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, AR

*Jamane Mitchell*

# County Roads and Equipment Report

November, 2019

The County Road Department has finally completed the work to repair the Shirley Bridge with a fix that should last a good 15-20 years. Steel and concrete were added to the approach on the side farthest from Shirley.

The County Road Crew portion of the Buttercreek Bridge is now complete. Guard rails will be installed by a professional crew within the next few days. The bridge is taller and wider. Drainage was added to the road prior to the bridge to divert excessive flow before water even reached the bridge. The road has been raised approximately four feet with a base we make ourselves. That base is a mixed, raw crush which has not been screened. The product contains a small amount of rip size rock, B-stone, SB2 gravel, and fines to create a mix which sets up very hard and sturdy, almost like concrete.

We are addressing an area of great concern due to the amount of accidents which have occurred there. The area is the curve where Burnt Ridge Road and The New Road adjoin. The curve slips up on motorists who are travelling toward Clinton from Fairfield Bay. The road changes from a very straight path to, what I would almost term, a sharp curve within a curve. Many motorists have gone off that steep curve. We are installing guardrails as well as additional signing and rumble strips. Our goal is to eliminate accidents on that curve.

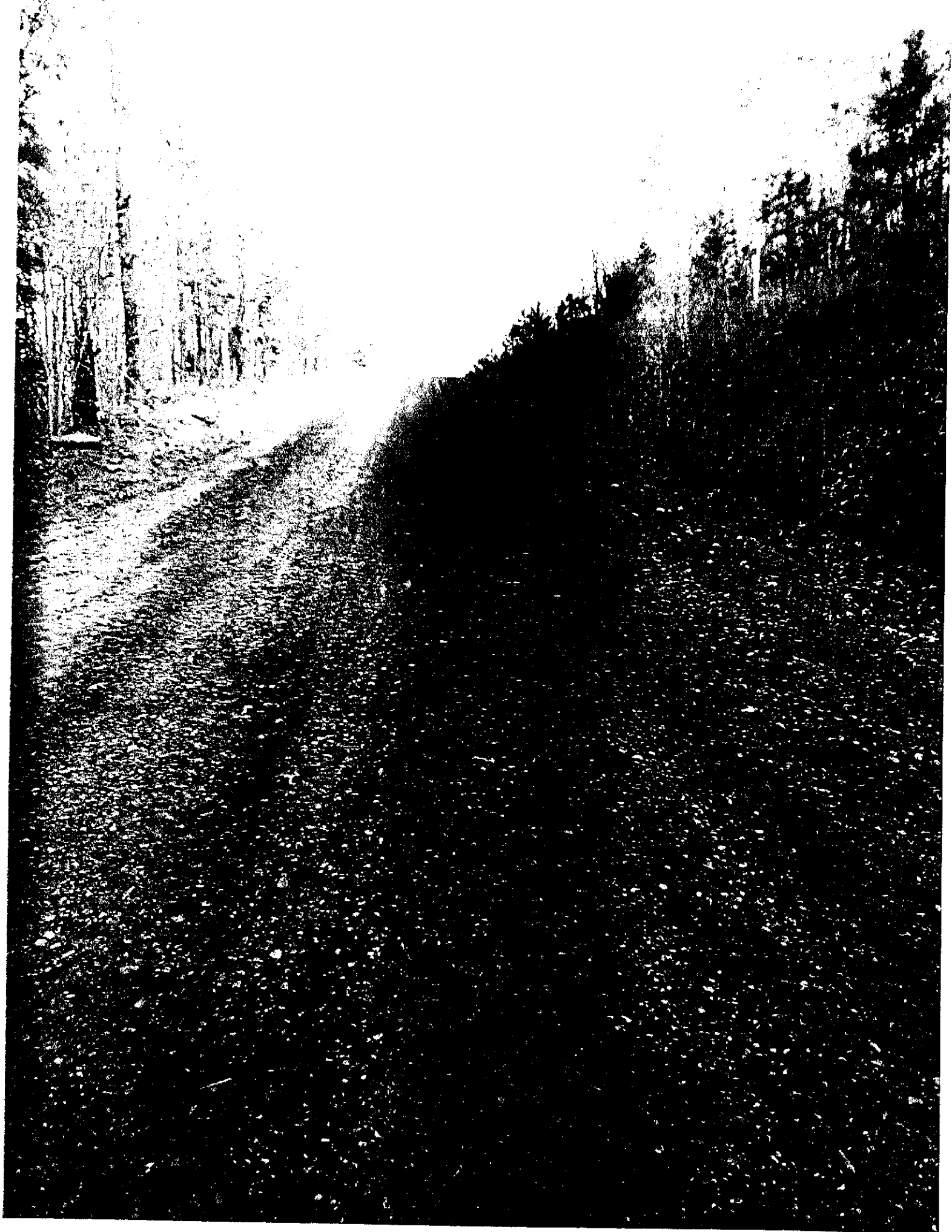
The Caterpillar Road Graders which were being leased have been returned. The lease expired in early November. As per the lease agreement, we had to spend approximately \$60,000 to get the graders properly positioned for return. We had to purchase tires, new shims, new parts; we had to have parts cosmetically repaired and new paint applied in spots. We had to buff out blemishes and scratches. Justin's Collision repaired parts for us at a price which was significantly less than letting Caterpillar fix upon return.

The grader crew is dividing and conquering to make as many roads as smooth as possible for Holiday traffic. They are cutting out potholes and spot blading. This should position the roads well for the winter season.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

CLARENCE DAVIS  
R/W 5 100





Patrol Activity Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Domestic:	21	15	20	21	15	24	21	19	25	20			201
Domestic Assist	16	12	12	36	18	24	19	8	14	26			185
Animal Calls	42	40	61	41	48	35	36	65	62	47			477
Papers Served	73	87	39	49	86	31	101	75	40	66			647
Transports	37	62	89	66	66	68	99	81	65	91			724
Federal Transports			22	1	5	13	11	1	1	2			56
Accidents Investigated	9	17	12	18	16	15	16	22	29	13			167
Welfare Checks	15	22	16	16	12	10	13	14	14	25			157
Vin Verification	5	5	3	2	4	2	0	0	3	5			29
Alarm Calls	15	17	12	16	10	27	21	14	26	17			175
Fire Calls	11	12	9	7	6	4	3	5	8	7			72
Assist Motorist	44	37	20	31	44	24	34	28	59	35			356
Traffic Stops	359	307	259	319	257	288	351	312	424	424			3300
Arrests	58	51	69	55	43	71	117	52	66	65			647
Other Calls/Contacts	301	233	424	499	196	147	283	244	358	228			2913
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>1177</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>1125</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>1194</b>	<b>1071</b>			<b>10320</b>

Hours in Court	69	125	89	73	72	95	122	108	91	129			973
Citations	101	100	111	92	64	57	71	94	80	118			888

\*\*\* Month of June counts were with 2 Officers on Admin leave and 3 SRO's out of school  
 For average Animal Control was added in for Animal calls @ 322  
 9249 + 322 = 9571 calls/contacts/



CID Activity Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	24											
Drug Violations	4	4	3	5	9	4	5	3	5	10		
Personal		7	19	16	12	15	10	12	15	10		
Property		12	4	13	13	8	10	7	8	4		
<b>Felony</b>	27											
Drug Violations		5	11	14	5	10	13	10	16	14		
Personal		11	11	8	4	13	11	5	6	17		
Property		11	9	22	13	9	6	3	3	7		
Felony Arrests	6	8	20	13	7	8	16	8	23	17		
DWI's		6			0	0		0	0	0		
CID Call Outs		10	13	3	8	4	7	4	7	4		
Search Warrants							14	5	2	5		
Misc contacts		11	39		0	0		0	0	0		
Seizures				3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Complaint Cards				334	386	372	349	282	385	363		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>451</b>		

Animal Control Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TYD Totals
<b>VBC County</b>													
Calls		30	42	22	29	15	25	50	38	27			278
Dog pick up		4	19	4	21	3	67	0	6	1			125
cats		0	4	4	0	2	0	0	3	0			13
tickets written						3	3	1	0	0			7
<b>City</b>													
Calls		5	10	9	9	10	7	10	11	8			79
Dog Pick up		1	3		2	2	11	16	5	2			42
Cats		1	11		5	8	0	0	1	1			27
Pig				1		0			0	0			1
tickets written						0	0	0	0	6			6
<b>Total Calls</b>		35	52	31	38	25	32	60	49	35			357
<b>Total Dog pick ups</b>		5	22	4	23	11	78	16	11	3			173
<b>Total Cat pick ups</b>		1	15	4	5	10	0	0	4	1			40
<b>Total Pig pick ups</b>				1					0	0			1
<b>Total tickets written</b>						3	3	1	0	6			13

Detention Center Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Intake</b>												
VBC	76	78	107	82	74	93	82	99	93	100		
FFB	4	2	5	4	5	5	4	4	1	5		
CPD	7	10	10	12	7	12	12	8	5	6		
FED		6	14	1	2	6	6	1	1	0		
<b>TOTAL Intake</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>111</b>		
<b>Release</b>												
VBC	43	70	85	86	68	89	77	97	86	107		
FFB	3	2	3	5	5	5	4	4	1	5		
CPD	10	11	9	11	9	9	12	7	4	3		
FED		3	7	5	2	2	3	1	1	2		
<b>TOTAL Release</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>117</b>		
<b>Current inmates</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>67</b>		
includes 309's	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6		
includes FED	6	14	15	18	14	19	21	19	19	19		

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ANNEX	CREW	DATE	TIME	
				S = SO EQUIPMENT USED P = PERSONAL EQUIPMENT USED
	4	10/10/2019	2 hrs	2 ZTR = SO/ 3 WEEDEATERS = SO/ 1 PUSH MOWER = SO/ 1 BLOWER = P
COMMUNITY CENTER	CREW 4	DATE 10/10/2019	TIME 25 min	S = SO EQUIPMENT USED P = PERSONAL EQUIPMENT USED 2 ZTR = SO/ 2 WEEDEATERS = SO/ 1 BLOWER = P
DISTRICT COURT OFFICE	CREW 4	DATE 10/10/2019	TIME 15 min	S = SO EQUIPMENT USED P = PERSONAL EQUIPMENT USED 2 ZTR = SO/ 2 WEEDEATERS = SO/ 1 BLOWER = P
HEALTH DEPT.	CREW 5	DATE 10/01/2019	TIME 1 hr	S = SO EQUIPMENT USED P = PERSONAL EQUIPMENT USED 2 ZTR = SO/ 3 WEEDEATERS = SO/ 1 BLOWER = P
RECYCLE	CREW	DATE	TIME	S = SO EQUIPMENT USED P = PERSONAL EQUIPMENT USED
FORMOSA FIRE DEPT	CREW 5	DATE 10/01/2019	TIME 20 min	S = SO EQUIPMENT USED P = PERSONAL EQUIPMENT USED 1 ZTR = SO/ 3 WEEDEATERS = SO/ 1 BLOWER = P
	4	10/10/2019	15 min	2 ZTR = SO/ 3 WEEDEATERS = SO/ 1 BLOWER = P
CULPEPPER FIRE DEPT	CREW 5	DATE 10/01/2019	TIME 20 min	S = SO EQUIPMENT USED P = PERSONAL EQUIPMENT USED 1 ZTR = SO/ 1 PUSH MOWER = SO/ 3 WEEDEATERS = SO
	4	10/10/2019	15 min	1 ZTR = SO/ 3 WEEDEATERS = SO

