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**VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
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The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, October 17th, 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, Bradford, Tatum, and Lemings. 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:** J.P. Philips was absent.

**Next: MINUTES:** J.P. Holt motioned to accept the minutes of September 19, 2019 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. 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. Linn made a motion to accept the Appropriation Analysis as printed, J.P. Tatum 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]

**Next:** Tracy Hazelwood with the jail committee stated the jail is in noncompliance with three main issues. She stated the VBC jail was overcrowded and understaffed and stated this was a safety concern. Laura Davis, citizen of VBC, stated the jail is over 20 years old. She asked for these issues to be addressed since we are facing legal action. Mitch Mitchell did a study on the staffing needs and addressed the court with his findings. Davis Construction came up with the blueprints provided to the court.

**Next:** J.P. Holt approved the legislative audit for the officials who held office in 2018, J.P. S. Brown seconded.

Under the county judge, the county paid certain bills without authorizing ordinances.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

J.P. Holt made a motion to read the second reading of the following ordinance by title only, seconded by J.P. S. Brown.

- A. NEXT J.P. BRADFORD READ THE SECOND READING OF 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 ordinance by title only, Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. N. Brown made a motion to amend the ordinance to remove the number of clubs so a committee could approve them on a case by case basis, seconded by J.P. S. Brown.
- B. NEXT J.P. LEMINGS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE MONIES BACK INTO THE COUNTY JUDGE'S BUDGET FROM THE COUNTY ROAD FUND.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Lemings 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. 2019-43.**
- C. NEXT J.P. S. BROWN READ AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING VOTE CENTERS FOR VAN BUREN COUNTY FOR ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS AND DECLARE AN 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. J.P. Tatum asked how the locations of the vote centers came about and why the western region of the county was not represented. Johnny Rhoda stated the vote centers were chosen by population. Anyone can choose whichever vote center location to vote. He stated there is also two weeks of early voting at the courthouse annex. The counties are all moving toward using vote centers. County Clerk, Pam Bradford, stated these voting centers will save the county thousands. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2019-44.**
- D. NEXT J.P. LINN READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE MONIES BACK INTO THE OEM BUDGET FROM THE COUNTY ROAD FUND.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Linn made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Bradford. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2019-45.**

E. 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 \$250.00 INTO THE DISTRICT COURT BUDGET #1000-409. After reading the ordinance, J.P. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given No. 2019-46.

J.P. Holt made motion to suspend the rules to include the following two ordinances, seconded by J.P. Tatum. The motion was voted on and passed.

F. J.P. HOLT READ AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #2018-59, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2019, TO INCREASE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$120,000.00 INTO 3009-0700-3104 LANDFILL TIPPING FEES. After reading the ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. S. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. Judge James stated he has a new budget plan for this next year. The ordinance was approved and given No. 2019-47.

G. NEXT J.P. TATUM 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 \$11,887.50 INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-400. After reading the ordinance, J.P. N. Tatum 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. 2019-48.

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**TRANSFERS:**

J.P. Holt made a motion to dispense the audible reading of the transfer, seconded by J.P. N. Brown.

J.P. Holt made a motion to suspend the rules to add two transfers, seconded by J.P. Tatum. The motion was voted on and passed.

"All I", the transfers were approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

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County Clerk's Office  
Seal on 11/17/2019 10:15 AM  
and from 3:00 PM  
MINUTES ON 11/17/19  
PAM BRADFORD  
County Clerk  
VAN BUREN County, AR

*Almanole Mitchell*

# County Roads and Equipment Report

October, 2019

The County Road Department has completed work on Old Highway 9, an area of chronic washouts. After the road has settled, we will add another layer of gravels. The section will receive a replacement chip/seal surface next year. This project was a 50/50 mitigation grant project.

Work is in progress on the Buttercreek Bridge. When completed, the bridge will be 4 feet wider, two feet taller, and have concrete wingwalls and concrete approaches. This new bridge should last for decades to come. Immediately upon completion of Buttercreek, work will begin on the Shirley Bridge to patch the last section. Many citizens do not realize that the old train bridge is an actual bridge used to carry vehicles. The historic Shirley Train Bridge is the only crossing for several residents on the other side of the river.

Culverts and drainage projects scheduled include:

Rumley Road

Watson Road

Foster Cemetery Road

Buttercreek (in addition to the bridge)

Wilderness Trail (Hwy. 389)

Gravesville Cutoff (2)

Klondike Road

Several others...

The Road Department will not shut down this year for the week of deer season or for the traditional two weeks of Christmas/New Year.

DAVID L. BROWN  
COUNTY ENGINEER

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				181
Domestic Assist	16	12	12	36	18	24	19	8	14				159
Animal Calls	42	40	61	41	48	35	36	65	62				430
Papers Served	73	87	39	49	86	31	101	75	40				581
Transports	37	62	89	66	66	68	99	81	65				633
Federal Transports			22	1	5	13	11	1	1				54
Accidents Investigated	9	17	12	18	16	15	16	22	29				154
Welfare Checks	15	22	16	16	12	10	13	14	14				132
Vin Verification	5	5	3	2	4	2	0	0	3				24
Alarm Calls	15	17	12	16	10	27	21	14	26				158
Fire Calls	11	12	9	7	6	4	3	5	8				65
Assist Motorist	44	37	20	31	44	24	34	28	59				321
Traffic Stops	359	307	259	319	257	288	351	312	424				2876
Arrests	58	51	69	55	43	71	117	52	66				582
Other Calls/Contacts	301	233	424	499	196	147	283	244	358				2685
<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>				

Hours in Court	69	125	89	73	72	95	122	108	91				844
Citations	101	100	111	92	64	57	71	94	80				770

\*\*\* Month of June counts were with 2 Officers on Admin leave and 3 SRO's out of school

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CID Activity Log

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

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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				251
Dog pick up		4	19	4	21	3	67	0	6				124
cats		0	4	4	0	2	0	0	3				13
tickets written						3	3	1	0				7
<b>City</b>													
Calls		5	10	9	9	10	7	10	11				71
Dog Pick up		1	3		2	2	11	16	5				40
Cats		1	11		5	8	0	0	1				26
Pig				1		0			0				1
tickets written						0	0	0	0				0
<b>Total Calls</b>		35	52	31	38	25	32	60	49				322
<b>Total Dog pick ups</b>		5	22	4	23	11	78	16	11				170
<b>Total Cat pick ups</b>		1	15	4	5	10	0	0	4				39
<b>Total Pig pick ups</b>				1					0				1
<b>Total tickets written</b>						3	3	1	0				7

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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			
FFB	4	2	5	4	5	5	4	4	1			
CPD	7	10	10	12	7	12	12	8	5			
FED		6	14	1	2	6	6	1	1			
<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>Release</b>												
VBC	43	70	85	86	68	89	77	97	86			
FFB	3	2	3	5	5	5	4	4	1			
CPD	10	11	9	11	9	9	12	7	4			
FED		3	7	5	2	2	3	1	1			
<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>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>			
includes 309's	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6			
includes FED	6	14	15	18	14	19	21	19	19			





ANNEX	CREW	DATE	TIME	
	4	09/27/2019	2 hrs	S = SO EQUIPMENT USED P = PERSONAL EQUIPMENT USED
	4	10/10/2019	2 hrs	2 ZTR = SO/ 3 WEEDEATERS = SO/ 1 BLOWER = P 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 09/25/2019	TIME 30 min	S = SO EQUIPMENT USED P = PERSONAL EQUIPMENT USED 2 ZTR = SO/ 2 WEEDEATERS = SO/ 1 PUSH MOWER = SO/ 1 BLOWER = P
	4	10/10/2019	15 min	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

