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**VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**September 19, 2019**

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, September 19th, 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, Holt, S. Brown, Bradford, Tatum, Lemings, and Philips. Also attending were *Tonya Bonds* and Attorney Carol Crews.

**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. Linn motioned to accept the minutes of *Aug. 15th*, 2019 as printed. J.P. Lemings seconded the motion. Judge James asked for discussion, there was none. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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**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. Philips made a motion to accept the Appropriation Analysis as printed, J.P. S. 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: SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sheriff Emberton gave the sheriff's and animal control report

**Next:** Alex Kleinin from the VBC Democrat stated that their office has moved.

**Next:** Bonita Hickman from Cablesouth Media 3 stated their company had a name change to Swyft Connect.

**Next:** Marty Martin approached the court to ask what it would take to get Porter Rd. chip and sealed. Mr. Martin submitted a petition. Judge James stated there would be no roads chip and sealed for the rest of the year and stated the next roads to be chip and sealed

would be the roads the previous judge, Roger Hooper, promised. Another resident stated that there were 45 children that ride the bus on that road. He stated it is a safety issue and they cannot wait two years because lives are being put at stake.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

J.P. Holt made a motion to suspend the rules for the reading of the next ordinances, seconded by J.P. Lemings.

- A. NEXT J.P. HOLT READ AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE VAN BUREN COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT TO SEPARATE A FULL TIME POSITION INTO TWO PART TIME POSITIONS.** 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. 2019-36.**
- B. 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 \$172.00 INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET AND \$766.00 INTO THE DETENTION CENTER BUDGET.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Tatum made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2019-37.**
- C. NEXT J.P. LEMINGS 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 \$3,442.95.00 INTO THE VARIOUS COUNTY PROJECTS BUDGET #1000-804 FOR THE CHIMES COMMUNITY CENTER GRANT.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Lemings made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Holt. Judge James asked for any discussion. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2019-38.**
- D. NEXT J.P. HOLT 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 \$3,409.69.00 INTO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-105 TO COVER POSTAGE AND SUPPLIES EXPENSE THAT WAS REQUIRED BY THE AACD-ARKANSAS ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DEPARTMENT.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. Bradford asked if it should be

AACD's responsibility to pay for the postage. Judge James stated there was a lot of people in the state that agreed with him. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2019-39.**

**E. NEXT J.P. BASS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE MONIES THAT HAS BEEN REFUNDED BY THE SCHOOLS FOR THE 2019 COMMISSION BUDGET #1000-109 AND THE COUNTY CLERK'S VOTER REGISTRATION BUDGET #1000-121.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. Judge James asked for any discussion. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2019-40.**

**F. 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 ordinance, J.P. Bradford made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. ~~Tatum~~ Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. N. Brown stated she contacted alcohol beverage control and they stated VBC currently has 12 active permits. She stated the way the ordinance is written it would allow no more permits. The ordinance *will have 2nd reading in the October meeting.*

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**G. NEXT J.P. N. BROWN 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 ~~\$40,000.00~~ INTO THE *Solid Waste* BUDGET #*3009.100-3104***

After reading the ordinance, J.P. N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. 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. 2019-41.**

**H. NEXT J.P. S. BROWN READ AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SALARY SECTION OF THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE #2018-59, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2019, TO RECONSTRUCT SOME OF THE SALARY POSITIONS FOR THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE WITHOUT COST TO THE COUNTY.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. S. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. J.P. Holt made a motion to suspend the rules to read the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings by title only, seconded by J.P. Lemings. Judge James asked for any discussion. Assessor, Emma Smiley, stated she would like to rearrange the salaries for those who are taking on extra duties. The ordinance was approved and given **No. 2019-42.**

1. NEXT J.P. PHILIPS READ A RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE VAN BUREN COUNTY UNCOMMON COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE AND TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS THERETO. After reading the resolution, J.P. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. Bass stated he would like some information. Jackie Sikes addressed the court. She stated it was made up of volunteers that are passionate about Van Buren County's economic development, tourism, and growth. She stated the resolution was to make it an official organization that would be recognized by the quorum court. The resolution was approved and given **No. 2019-13**.

**TRANSFERS:**

J.P. Holt made a motion to suspend the reading of the transfers, seconded by J.P. Philips. 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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*Amanda Mitchell*

# County Roads and Equipment Report

## September, 2019

The County Road Department has completed work on the Dean Road Bridge to put a permanent fix on an area of chronic washouts.

Work is in progress on Old Highway 9 which is a 50/50 mitigation grant project. Upon completion of the Old Highway 9 project, work will begin on Buttercreek to replace the bridge. We have all the materials on hand to complete that project fairly quickly. The Shirley Bridge will follow Buttercreek.

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

The striping project has been completed.

We are close to completing the routes with ditches being pulled. The grader operators are doing an excellent job of ditching and reclaiming gravels from the ditches back to the roads.