

Motion - Lemings  
and - Hensley

**VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
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The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, April 21, 2022 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, S. Brown, Hensley, Bradford, Holt, Philips, Tatum, Lemings, and Bass. Also attending was Pam Bradford, County Clerk.

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

**Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by County Extension Agent, Danny Griffin and was recited by all

**Next: ROLL CALL:** All Present

**Next: AGENDA:** J.P. D. Holt made a motion to add an additional Ordinance for Grant Funds and two additional Resolutions for ARP Funds and White River Planning and Development, seconded by J.P. Philips. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**Next: MINUTES:** J.P. Tatum motioned to accept the minutes, treasure's report and appropriation analysis of as printed. J.P. S. Brown seconded the motion. Judge James asked for discussion, there was none. The minutes, treasure's report, and appropriation analysis were approved unanimously.

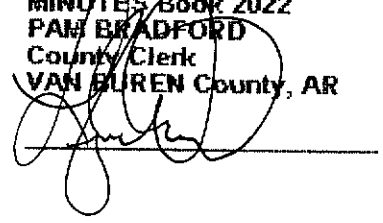
**Next: COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT:** [Report Attached]

**Next: SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sheriff Emberton addressed the Quorum Court concerning the basic operations of the facility. Sheriff Emberton stated they have moved back to the basic guidelines for operating the jail. Currently working on visitation with inmates by Pastors and visitors. [Report Attached]

**Next: COUNTY JUDGE'S COMMENTS:** None

**Next: COUNTY BOARDS:** Deborah Meyer addressed the Quorum Court concerning the retirement of Karen Martin at the Damascus Library. Deborah Meyer asked to hire a part time replacement for the Damascus Library. Judge James stated this will need to be discussed with the Library Board.

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**Next:** J.P. M. Philips attended the AACQC meeting in Little Rock. There will be a one-time stipend of \$5,000.00 to eligible full time law enforcement officers beginning July 1, 2022. County jail reimbursements will be raised to \$40.00 per day beginning July 1, 2022. The prison in Calico Rock will be receiving monies to enlarge their facility. J.P. M. Philips also advised the Quorum Court about the Opioid Litigation information. Arkansas is in the abatement phase and will receive monies in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 and this will be received down to the county levels. The guidelines for this money will be extremely strict.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. NEXT: J.P. LEMINGS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2021-51 THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022, TO APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER \$4,358.00 INTO THE COLLECTOR'S AUTOMATION FUND #3001-104-3021 FORM THE VOTER REGISTRATION BUDGET #1000-121-3021.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. Lemings made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. The ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-13**
- B. NEXT: J.P. PHILIPS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2021-51, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$25.00 INTO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-400, AND \$844.54 INTO THE DETENTION CENTER BUDGET #1000-418.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Hensley. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-14**
- C. NEXT: J.P. HOLT READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$17,995.00 INTO COUNTY ROADS LINE ITEM 2000-4005 CAPITAL OUTLAY-VEHICLES.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Bass. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-15**
- D. NEXT: J.P. BASS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2021-51 THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$118.44 INTO THE ELECTION COMMISSION BUDGET #1000-109.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-16**
- E. NEXT: J.P. HENSLEY READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$5,395.99 INTO THE SOLID WASTE BUDGET FUND 3009-700-9999.** After

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reading the Ordinance, J.P. Hensley made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-17**

**F. NEXT: J.P. HOLT READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$39,410.00 INTO FUND #3513 SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER GRANT.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-18**

**1. NEXT: J.P. S. BROWN READ A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VAN BUREN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WITH THE INTENT TO PARTICIPATE AND TO WORK TOWARD BECOMING A SAFER COMMUNITY.** After reading the Resolution, J.P. S. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Holt. The Resolution was approved and given **No. R-2022-36**

**2. NEXT: J.P. TATUM READ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAN BUREN COUNTY ARKANSAS, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE VAN BUREN COUNTY CALL CENTER STATIONS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT.** After reading the Resolution, J.P. Tatum made a motion to adopt, second by J.P. Philips. The Resolution was approved and given **No. R-2022-37**

**3. NEXT: J.P. TATUM READ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING PROJECT TO BE APPROVED AND FOR THE PROJECT TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: SOLID WASTE COMPLIANCE PROJECT WITH A BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00.** After reading the Resolution, J.P. Tatum made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. The Resolution was approved and given **No. R-2022-38**

**TRANSFERS:** Judge James read the Transfer. J.P. Holt made a motion to approve, seconded by J.P. S. Brown. Transfer was approved unanimously.

J.P. Holt motioned to adjourn, seconded by J.P. N. Brown.

**Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk**

# County Road and Equipment Report

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Crews have started blading roads completely. We spot blade during the winter to prevent road damage.

The Quorum Court approved a Resolution to allow for a line of credit to purchase some used tractors and boom mowers. We have been able to purchase two sets so far. We thought we had located a couple of good, used tractors with boom mowers but when we did our background check on the previous owner, which was Jefferson County, they informed us that those tractors were "lemons" and that they were replacing them with new ones. We have contacted our new tractor dealers and they know of some good, used combos that will be traded in soon. I REALLY want to start the season with 6 combo units.

We were approved for a State Aid project on Henderson Road. The bid was let and a paving company from Quitman won the bid. Henderson Road from the Clinton City Limits to Hwy. 65 will receive an asphalt overlay and new stripes. This is consistent with the direction we are taking to maintain what we already have. We should have a project date within the next couple of months.

We looked at the Archey Road Bridge and the Brickey low-water crossing with State Aid. Their engineers are assisting the county with acquiring replacement bridges. Also on the radar are the Sequioyah Ranch Bridge and the Shirley Bridge. Archey, Sequioyah, and Shirley Bridges are all rated as failures by state inspectors.

I meet with White River Planning Development this week to discuss the Half Moon Road project. Being a federally funded project, work will be slow in completion.

We received the arch-top culvert/bridge for the Silver Rock Road Project which will begin immediately following the Crowell Mountain Project. Crowell Mountain has been a slow project due to poor weather conditions.

Even though fuel is extremely high, we are maintaining the budget quite well in County Roads. Producing our own gravel has proven to give us the budget relief we need to accomplish our needs. Needs and wants are totally different, however.











Det charge to city Log

	Past Due	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Intake							
FFBN		\$ 742.00		\$ 53.00			
CPD		\$ 2,438.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 212.00			
DAM		-					
TOTAL Intake		\$ 3,180.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 265.00			
past due		pd	pd				
Intake		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
FFB							
CPD							
DAM							
TOTAL Intake							

\$