

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
May 19, 2022

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, May 19, 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, Hensley, Bradford, Holt, Philips, Tatum, Lemings, and Bass.

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

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited by all

Next: ROLL CALL: J.P. S. Brown was absent

Next: AGENDA: J.P. D. Holt made a motion to read Resolutions by title only, seconded by J.P. Philips. J.P. N. Brown mad a motion to dispense with the audible readings of the transfers, seconded by J.P. Tatum. J.P. Holt made a motion to entertain 2 additional Resolutions and 2 additional Ordinances, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. J.P. Philips made a motion to entertain all the changes in one roll call vote, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. All agreed.

Next: MINUTES: J.P. Lemings motioned to accept the minutes, treasure's report and appropriation analysis of as printed. J.P. R. Hensley 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: [Report Attached]

Next: COUNTY JUDGE'S COMMENTS: None

Next: COUNTY BOARDS: A representative from the Historical Society Museum addressed the Quorum Court concerning the state of their financial status. J.P. Holt was asked to work with the VBC Historical Society Museum on a proposal to bring to the Budget Committee and then on to the Quorum Court.

Next: Deb Meyer from the VBC Library addressed the Quorum Court concerning the re-opening of the Damascus Library. The Damascus Library will resume operations on Monday, May 23, 2022. The Libraries Summer activities will begin soon. The public is invited to attend.

Next: ELECTION COMISIONER'S: [None]

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NEXT: J.P. E. BASS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2021-51, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE OF COUNTY GENERAL AND APPROPRIATE \$83.20 INTO THE ELECTION COMMISSION BUDGET #1000-109-3030. After reading the ordinance, J.P. E. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P Philips. The ordinance was approved and given No. O-2022-19**
- B. NEXT: J.P. HENSLEY READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2021-51, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE OF COUNTY GENERAL AND APPROPRIATE \$2,780.50 INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-400-3104. After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Hensley made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Lemings. The Ordinance was approved and given No. O-2022-20**
- C. NEXT: J.P. HOLT 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 \$974.96 INTO COUNTY GENERAL #100-500 FOR THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET FOR THE OEM POSITION, AND TO TRANSFER AMOUNTS TO CERTAIN LINE ITEMS. After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Hensley. After some discussion, the Ordinance was approved and given No. O-2022-21**
- D. NEXT: J.P. HOLT READ AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2021-51, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$28,303.97 INTO COUNTY GENERAL #1000-102 FOR THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S BUDGET. After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. The Ordinance was approved and given No. O-2022-22**
- E. NEXT: J.P. PHILIPS READ AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$1,000.00 INTO THE QUORUM COURT BUDGET #1000-0107-2001 GENERAL SUPPLIES. 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-2022-23**

- F. NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ AND APPROPRAITION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2021-51 TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRAITE \$13,920.02 INTO THE CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION 1 BUDGET #1000-402.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-24**
- G. NEXT: J.P. PHILIPS READ AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR DREW BLANKENSHIP LEGACY FUND, INC. DBA THE COUNTRY CLUB AT RABBIT RIDGE FARMS (RABBIT RIDGE FARMS) AND ALLOWING FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE REQUIRED PERMITS FROM THE ARKANSAS ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION PER ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 3-9-222 AS AMENDED WHICH IS LOCATED AT 484 RABBIT RIDGE ROAD, BEE BRANCH, VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS.** After reading the Emergency Ordinance, J.P. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. After some discussion, the Emergency Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-25**
- H. NEXT: J.P. HOLT READ AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR HEATING AND AIR FOR A NEW HEAT AND AIR SYSTEM FOR THE VAN BUREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, APPROPRIATE FUNDS, TO DECLARE AND EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** After reading the Emergency Ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. The Emergency Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-26**
- 1. NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD.** After the reading the Resolution, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Hensley. The Resolution was approved and given **No. R-2022-39**
- 2. 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: WATER TRANSPORT TRAILER PROJECT WITH A BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000.00.** After reading the Resolution, J.P. Tatum made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. The Resolution was approved and given **No. R-2022-40**
- 3. NEXT: J.P. LEMINGS READ A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JAIL-INMATE LITTER PICK-UP PROGRAM.** After reading the Resolution, J.P. Lemings made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. The Resolution was approved and given **No. R-2022-41**
- 4. 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: COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WITH A BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00. 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-2022-42**

5. **NEXT: J.P. BRADFORD READ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ENTER INTO AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH CROW GROUP, INC., OF MORRILTON, ARKANSAS FOR THE HALF MOON ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.** After the reading of the Resolution, J.P. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Hensley. The Resolution was approved and given **No. R-2022-43**

TRANSFERS:

J.P. N. Brown made a motion to approve transfers, seconded by J.P. Hensley.

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

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

County Road and Equipment Report

May 2022

We are finally getting some weather which is cooperating with us to complete road work!

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

We have a grader which is currently down waiting on parts which are taking a long time to receive. We have borrowed a grader from the City of Clinton to use during the downtime. It is an old grader, but it pushes material and is exactly what we need to bridge a gap.

We are prepping Henderson Road for its State Aid asphalt overlay to occur this summer. After that work is complete, we will move to prep Half Moon Road for that grant funded overlay.

****Update**** This note was on the previous CR&E Report. We still haven't had any more mowers made available to us. We are patiently waiting to get our fleet of mowers/booms complete. >>>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 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							
FFB		\$ 742.00		\$ 53.00	\$ 159.00		
CPD		\$ 2,438.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 212.00	\$ 159.00		
DAM		\$ -					
TOTAL Intake		\$ 3,180.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 318.00		
past due		pd	pd	pd			
Intake		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
FFB							
CPD							
DAM							
TOTAL Intake							

\$