

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
July 21, 2022

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, July 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, Philips, Tatum, Holt, Bass and Lemings. Also in attendance was Attorney C. Crews, and P. Bradford, County Clerk.

Next: PRAYER: Given by J.P R. Hensley

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited by all

Next: ROLL CALL: All present

Next: AGENDA: J.P.S. Brown made a motion to dispense with the audible readings of the Transfers, seconded by J.P. D. Holt. All agreed. J.P. M. Philips made a motion to read the second and third readings of the Ordinance sponsored by J.P. N. Brown by title only, seconded by J.P. B. Tatum. All agreed. J.P. D. Holt made a motion to add Resolution for ARP Project for Judge Weaver to the Agenda, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. All agreed.

Next: MINUTES: J.P. Tatum 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: None

Next: ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS: Debbie Gray, Circuit Clerk gave an update on the Courthouse renovation.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. NEXT: J.P. M. 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 \$112,900.00 INTO COUNTY GENERAL #1000-400 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SALARY STIPENDS FOR FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 224 OF THE 2022 FISCAL SESSION OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE. After reading the ordinance, J.P. M. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Tatum. The ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-33**

B. 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 \$900.00 INTO THE ELECTION COMMISSION BUDGET #1000-109. After reading the Ordinance, J.P. E. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Holt. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-34**

C. NEXT: J.P. R. 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 \$206.40 INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-400-3104 AND \$1,127.39 INTO THE DETENTION CENTER BUDGET #1000-418-2009. J.P. R. Hensley made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-35**

D. NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ AN ORDINANCE, BY TITLE ONLY, TO CHANGE THE HOURLY RATE FOR A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE POSITION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-DIVISION 1 BUDGET #1000-402. After the reading of the Ordinance by title only, J.P. D. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. J.P. E. Bass made a motion to adopt after second reading by title only, seconded by J.P. M. Philips. J.P. R. Hensley made a motion to adopt after the third reading by title only, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-36**

1. NEXT: J.P. B. TATUM READ A RESOLUTION AMMENDING RESOLUTION #R-2022-24 AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING PROJECT TO BE APPROVED AND THE PROJECT TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: FIRST DIVISION COURT SOUND SYSTEM PROJECT WITH A BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500.00. After the reading the Resolution, J.P. Tatum made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. M. Philips. The Resolution was approved and given **No. R-2022-45**

TRANSFERS:

J.P. S. Brown made a motion to approve transfers, seconded by J.P. D. Holt.

J.P. D. Holt motioned to adjourn, seconded by J.P. B. Tatum.

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

County Road and Equipment Report

July 2022

This has been the most challenging year, overall, for weather conducive to work on county roads since I took office in 2019. We went straight from being too wet to being too dry.

Work is complete on the Henderson Road Project. Soft spots were dug out, base material was installed, and the entire road received an asphalt overlay complete with new stripes and even new shoulders. Drainage was improved so Henderson Road should be in great shape for a long time to come.

The wait continues for quality, used, tractors and boom mowers. Hopefully, soon, we will have access to at least one more.

We have completed a lot of work on the Crowell Mountain Project. We are going to let the soft spots and build ups settle for a bit while we pull off to the Silver Rock Road Project. Quality work takes a great deal of time. Allowing the road to settle at the right times pays off greatly in the long run.

Even though fuel is extremely high, we are maintaining the fuel budget quite well in County Roads.

Mowing crews are continuing their routes but we are being extra careful not to hit rocks and/or debris. You will notice that the mowing will not be as close to the ground as normal due to the extreme fire danger. We can't risk creating sparks.

Graders are being moved to areas that need ditching work which are typically very wet. Now is the time to take advantage of the weather in those spots. Route grading is being suspended due to the extreme fire danger. Blades hitting rocks create sparks. It's too dry to risk a fire.

Detention Center Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Intake												
VBC	35	31	40	34	69	40						
FFB	0	0	1	5	1	4						
CPD	4	9	9	10	17	8						
DAM	0	0	0	0	0	0						
FED	0	0	2	1	0	1						
ASP	8	3	2	3	1	2						
ADC	0	1	0	1	2	0						
TOTAL Intake	47	44	54	54	90	55	0	0	0	0	0	0
Release												
VBC	36	28	38	35	63	41						
FFB	1	0	1	4	1	4						
CPD	4	9	7	10	18	11						
DAM	0	0	0	0	0	0						
FED	2	0	1	3	1	6						
ASP	7	2	0	2	2	3						
ADC	3	1	0	0	1	0						
TOTAL Release	53	40	47	54	86	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current inmates	60	61	68	62	71	63						
includes 309's	7	7	7	7	7	7						
includes FED	14	14	14	12	12	12						

Det charge to city log

	Past Due	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Intake							
FFB		\$ 742.00		\$ 53.00	\$ 159.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 1,802.00
CPD		\$ 2,438.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 212.00	\$ 159.00	\$ 424.00	\$ 265.00
DAM		\$ -					
TOTAL Intake		\$ 3,180.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 318.00	\$ 477.00	\$ 2,067.00
past due		pd	pd	pd			
Intake		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
FFB							
CPD							
DAM							
TOTAL Intake							

\$