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County Clerk
VAN BUREN County, AR

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, November 17th, 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 Holt, N. Brown, S. Brown, Philips, Hensley, Bradford, Tatum, Lemings, and Bass. 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: All present

Next: J.P. Hensley made a motion to read the Ordinance 'Collecting Various Property Taxes for 2022' by Title only, seconded by J.P. Lemings. Motion was approved.
J.P. Holt made a motion for the 'audible' reading of the Transfers, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Motion approved.

Next: MINUTES: J.P. Lemings motioned to accept the minutes of October 19th, 2022 as printed. J.P. S. Brown seconded the motion. Judge James asked for discussion, there was none. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Next: TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Mistie Wilson presented a statement to the Court concerning the Treasurer's Report 'Attached'. J.P. Holt, made a motion to approve the Report e-mailed at the beginning of November, seconded by J.P. Tatum. Motion approved.

Next: APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS: County Clerk, Pam Bradford presented a statement to the Court concerning the Appropriation Analysis. 'Attached'.

Next: COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT: Judge James gave the County Road Report.
[Report Attached]

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NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NEXT: J.P. LEMINGS READ AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND APPROVING THE COLLECTION FOR THE YEAR 2022 THE VARIOUS PROPERTY TAXES HERETOFORE IMPOSED IN VAN BUREN COUNTY, BY TITLE ONLY.** After the first reading, by title only, the J.P. Holt made a motion to approve, seconded by J.P. N. Brown, all approved. After the second reading, by title only, J.P. Bass made a motion to approve, seconded by J.P. Hensley, all approved. After the third and final reading, by title only, J.P. Philips made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James stated there were no changes and asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-52**
- B. NEXT: J.P. HOLT READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE FROM THE HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND AND TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS FOR THE NEW POSITION.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Holt made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. (Readings 1-3 were read in the October Quorum Court meeting) Judge James asked for any discussion. There was minimal discussion. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-53**
- C. NEXT: J.P. S. BROWN 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 \$19,761.70 INTO THE RECORDER'S COST FUND #3006-120.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. S. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2022-54**
- D. 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 AND APPROPRIATE \$817.81 INTO THE DETENTION CENTER BUDGET #1000-418.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Hensley made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Lemings. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Ordinance passed and was given **No. O-2022-55**
- 1. NEXT: J.P. BASS 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, FOR THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.** After reading the resolution, J.P. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Holt. Judge James asked for any discussion. The resolution was passed and was given **No. R-2022-52**

TRANSFERS:

<u>1000-402-2001</u>	<u>1000-402-1002</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
General Supplies	Salaries-P/T	
<u>1000-402-2002</u>	<u>1000-402-1002</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Small Equipment	Salaries P/T	
<u>1000-402-3020</u>	<u>1000-402-1002</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
Phone/Fax	Salaries-P/T	
<u>1000-402-3021</u>	<u>1000-402-1002</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Postage	Salaries-P/T	
<u>1000-402-3023</u>	<u>1000-402-1002</u>	<u>\$ 287.00</u>
Internet	Salaries-P/T	
<u>1000-402-3101</u>	<u>1000-402-1002</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Training/Education	Salaries-P/T	
<u>1000-105-2001</u>	<u>1000-105-2024</u>	<u>\$.90</u>
General Supplies	Maint/Service Contracts	
<u>1000-105-3094</u>	<u>1000-105-3020</u>	<u>\$ 498.00</u>
Meals/Lodging	Phone/Fax	
<u>1000-105-3101</u>	<u>1000-105-3020</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Training/Education	Phone/Fax	
<u>1000-416-2002</u>	<u>1000-416-3061</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Small Equip	Utilities-Gas	

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

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

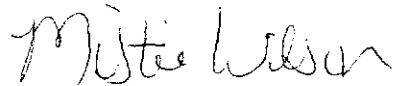
Van Buren County Treasurer
Mistie Wilson

I have previously email the QC Packet to each of you at the beginning of November. Due to the breach with Apprentice the Treasurers Office does not have any further records as of this time.

Thank you

Mistie Wilson

Van Buren Co Treasurer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mistie Wilson".

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COUNTY OF VAN BUREN

PAM BRADFORD, COUNTY CLERK

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November 14, 2022

Due to the breach of Apprentice, the
County Clerk's Office does not have
an October 2022 Appropriation
Analysis Report for the November
2022 Quorum Court.

Sincerely,
Pam Bradford
VanBuren Co Clerk

County Road and Equipment Report

November 2022

Since we have finally received some much needed rain, the graders have been able to resume their routes.

The grant project on Silver Rock Road has been completed and approved by Arkansas Unpaved Roads, the organization which funded the grant. Final paperwork is being submitted for a \$75,000.00 reimbursement to the county.

The Half Moon Road project is coming along well. We are about two full working weeks away from completion of our part, after which the paving part can commence. We received a federal grant for \$300,000.00 plus administration fees to cover this project. The grant will pay to asphalt Half Moon Road to the county line. Half Moon was the only qualifying road within VBC. To qualify, the residents being serviced by the road must reach a certain poverty level.

Even though winter is upon us, we will still be mowing and cleaning up as many roads as possible.

Striping work was completed on Sheep Shank, New Home Road, and Holly Mountain Road.

The VBC Road Department was unaffected by the Apprentice data breach.

Quorum Court: General Ledger Balances by Fund -- Month 11 (FY2022)

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Fund - Revenue Code	Beginning Balance	Cash Receipts	Void Checks	Transfer In	Tax Transfer In	Com Earned	Void Receipts	Warrants Paid	Transfer Out	Tax Transfer Out	Com Charged	Other Checks	Ending Balance
1000 General Fund 26-26-101	1,201,163.88	308,195.62	200.00	20,057.01	230,339.97	0.00	(7,146.19)	(193,557.53)	0.00	0.00	(9,802.95)	0.00	1,549,849.81
1001 General Reserve	1,324,674.23	0.00	0.00	1,093.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,325,767.79
1005 Coronavirus Relief Fund	758,392.64	0.00	0.00	626.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	759,018.72
1006 ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund 2022-03	2,013,966.46	0.00	0.00	1,582.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	(188,116.73)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,827,432.85
1007 Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1801 Revenue Loss Fund 2021-40	179.15	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	179.30
2000 Road Fund 26-79-101	836,852.88	292,054.68	577.70	787.85	191,908.64	0.00	0.00	(237,876.03)	0.00	0.00	(9,567.77)	0.00	1,079,637.95
2003 Additional Motor Fuel Tax Fund 2019-64	156,533.29	11,125.23	0.00	135.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(222.50)	0.00	167,571.84
2800 Hwy 65/124 Stop Light Main Grant 2014-21	1,138.05	0.00	0.00	0.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	(65.83)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,074.11
3000 Treasurer's Automation 21-6-302	76,864.29	0.00	0.00	63.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	(753.68)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	76,473.71
3001 Collector's Automation 21-6-305	167,892.24	0.00	0.00	138.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	(930.54)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	167,100.11
3002 Circuit Court Automation 16-13-704	59,413.99	353.75	0.00	49.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(7.03)	0.00	59,809.98
3003 District Court Automation 16-13-704	8,400.22	1,186.93	0.00	6.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,228.28)	0.00	0.00	(23.74)	0.00	8,342.05
3004 Assessor's Amendment No. 79 26-26-310	33,395.06	0.00	0.00	27.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(9.47)	0.00	33,422.63
3005 County Clerk's Cost 21-6-413	7,998.13	473.52	0.00	6.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(46.88)	0.00	8,430.13
3006 Recorder's Cost 21-6-306	195,429.00	23,344.00	0.00	165.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	(16,910.69)	0.00	0.00	(46.88)	0.00	201,561.36
3008 County Library 13-2-404	194,938.25	861.52	0.00	170.26	73,129.44	0.00	0.00	(15,460.31)	0.00	0.00	(1,462.60)	0.00	252,178.56
3009 Solid Waste 2008-63 8-6-212	78,183.65	24,616.38	0.00	52.45	1,084.28	0.00	0.00	(61,004.33)	0.00	0.00	(505.15)	(1,440.00)	34,987.26
3012 Child Support Collection Costs 9-10-109	13,835.59	0.00	0.00	11.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,847.01
3017 Jail Oper and Maint 16-17-129 12-41-505	59,944.79	4,622.21	0.00	52.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	(711.64)	0.00	0.00	(32.45)	0.00	63,815.66
3019 Boating Safety 27-101-111	6,716.39	0.00	0.00	5.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	(67.47)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,654.43
3020 Emergency 911 12-10-318	150,608.88	8,909.81	0.00	116.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	(37,045.72)	0.00	0.00	(176.19)	0.00	130,411.75
3022 Emergency Vehicle 27-22-103	2,940.32	135.08	0.00	2.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2.70)	0.00	3,075.24
3025 Prosecutor's Victim/Witness 16-21-151	26,471.56	226.65	0.00	40.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	(376.24)	0.00	0.00	(4.54)	0.00	26,367.51
3039 Circuit Clerk Commissioners Fee 21-6-412	12,573.63	35.00	0.00	10.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.70)	0.00	12,618.34
3042 Assessor Late Cesses Fee Ad 161 of 2017	1,961.41	0.00	0.00	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1.24)	0.00	2,023.55
3046 American Rescue Plan fund 2021-19	98.02	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	98.10
3047 County Library ARP Fund 2021-25	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.43
3408 Hospital Maintenance 2008-65	261,966.57	0.00	0.00	220.82	21,253.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(425.07)	0.00	283,017.79

Van Buren County Treasurer

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Fund - Reporting Code	Beginning Balance	Cash Receipts	Void Checks	Transfer In	Tax Transfer In	Com Earned	Void Receipts	Warrants Paid	Transfer Out	Tax Transfer Out	Com Charged	Other Checks	Ending Balance
3409 Auction 06-22-19 5-5-101 2019-177	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3410 Fire Department Fire Squad Sales Tax 2019-59	127,098.87	125,731.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	252,830.67
3411 Equitable Sharing Fund 2020-28	427.66	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	428.01
3506 GJF Grants 2014-11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3510 VBC 911 Upgrade 2018-26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3511 Ozark Health Grant 2020-14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3512 Denver Fire Department Grant 2021-17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3513 Senior Citizen Center Grant Fund 2021-41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6000 Treasurer's Commission 21-6-302	209,148.26	0.00	0.00	163.91	0.00	35,446.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	244,759.13
6002 Collector's Unapportioned	727,298.55	7,110,260.21	0.00	1,452.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,238,342.75	0.00	0.00	4,600,668.79
6003 Property Tax Relief (Amend 79 Sales Tax)	66,454.35	0.00	0.00	54.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,509.21
6004 Delinquent Taxes	88.91	63,399.37	0.00	5.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63,260.20	0.00	0.00	233.41
6006 Timber Tax 26-61-101	0.00	0.00	9,747.79	0.00	9,946.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,694.41
6007 State Land Redemption 26-37-205	135,279.80	47,826.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	183,106.29
6009 County Law Library Book 16-23-105	24,577.39	385.50	0.00	181.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,964.02
6010 Administration Of Justice 16-10-307	0.00	7,119.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,119.00
6011 Interest	0.00	9,463.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,463.53
6016 County Fire Protect Prem Tax 14-284-403	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6017 Sheriff's Office 12-41-105	0.00	10,363.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,363.66
6400 Taxing Errors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6401 Soil Conservation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,084.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,084.26
6402 Van Buren County Aging Program 2019-04	0.00	0.00	2,185.96	0.00	2,230.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,416.53
6500 Ahead Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,215.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,215.00
6501 Bae Branch Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,827.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,827.00
6502 Bokkubung Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,269.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,269.80
6503 Burnt Ridge Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,323.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,323.50
6504 Chimes Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,190.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,190.40
6505 Choctaw Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,266.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,266.51
6506 Culpapper Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,019.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,019.75

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6507 Demond Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,433.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(68.68)	(3,365.12)	0.00		
6508 Gravesville Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,813.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(46.26)	(2,766.74)	0.00		
6509 Highway 104 Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,781.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(95.63)	(4,685.92)	0.00		
6510 Holly Mountain Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
6511 Morganton Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,282.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(105.25)	(5,177.00)	0.00		
6512 Scotland Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,017.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(80.35)	(3,937.07)	0.00		
6513 Shirley Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,577.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(111.55)	(5,465.95)	0.00		
6514 Walnut Grove Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
6515 Damascus Fire Department 2014-25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,522.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(50.44)	(2,471.56)	0.00		
6600 City Of Clinton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,601.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(472.02)	(23,129.36)	0.00		
6601 City Of Clinton Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,207.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(244.15)	(11,963.47)	0.00		
6602 City Of Shirley	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,294.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(24.08)	(1,180.49)	0.00		
6603 City Of Shirley Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	623.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(12.46)	(610.60)	0.00		
6604 City Of Damascus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,485.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(29.10)	(1,455.97)	0.00		
6605 City Of Damascus Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(14.55)	(712.98)	0.00		
6606 City Of Fairfield Bay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,916.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(478.33)	(23,437.93)	0.00		
6607 City Of Fairfield Bay Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,087.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(141.34)	(6,946.33)	0.00		
6700 Clinton School District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,216,826.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,182.32)	(1,213,704.57)	0.00		
6701 South Side School District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	828,418.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2,071.05)	(826,347.04)	0.00		
6702 Shirley School District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	331,430.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(826.58)	(330,604.10)	0.00		
6703 Quilman School District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	102,207.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(285.52)	(101,921.53)	0.00		
6704 Searcy County School District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,119.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(60.30)	(24,059.10)	0.00		
6705 West Side School District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52,079.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(155.20)	(61,923.30)	0.00		
Totals for All Funds		\$8,050,637.94		\$27,304.95	\$3,301,602.95	\$35,446.96	(\$8,304.86)	(\$736,365.14)	(\$27,304.95)	(\$3,301,602.95)	(\$35,446.96)	(\$2,799,621.37)	13,467,882.81		
		8,948,770.79		\$12,711.45											

Van Buren County Treasurer

COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

DECEMBER 2022

ANNUAL REVIEW

This report was prepared for the Lake Area Weekly in FFB and includes a little more than just County Road info:

Several county road projects have been completed in 2022. Silver Rock Road received a grant from the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program (AURP) to replace a water crossing. A bottomless arch was installed which allows for the natural passage of fish and wildlife beneath the road. The creek that crosses the road eventually flows into the Middle Fork of the Little Red River which is the home of several endangered species. The road was raised several feet to ensure that the road does not flood or wash out again. We have a meeting with AURP coming up soon to discuss another project for 2023.

Half Moon Road is nearing the completion of base work. After we finish installing new base material, new drainage and slope, the road will be turned over to Rogers Group who will asphalt the road all the way to the Stone County line. To qualify for this grant, the residents being serviced by the road must meet certain economic criteria. At the time the application was due, Half Moon Road was the only county road which qualified. Since the latest census data has been received, we have another road which will qualify. We will be eligible to apply for another grant for that road as soon as we are once again eligible (one full "off" year is required.)

Henderson Road received an asphalt overlay which was a State-Aid funded project. The project ran from the Clinton city limits to Highway 65 North. Drainage was improved and the shoulders were rebuilt. New striping was applied.

Holley Mountain Road was striped this year from Highway 16 East to the Stone County Line. A new guardrail was installed in 2021 and repaired in 2022 after it was damaged. Road striping was completed on Eglantine Road, Sheep Shank Road, and New Hope Road as well.

Repair work was completed on many bridges in 2022. Bridge work to the substructure is invisible to the eye as you drive through but takes many hours of work and materials to complete the job. Van Buren County is blessed with an incredible road staff who takes bridges seriously.

Work on The New Road a couple of years ago has proven to be effective and made for a safer 2022. Signs, rumble strips, and guardrails were added near the intersection of Burnt Ridge Road and The New Road on a dangerous curve. Since the initial installation, no wrecks have been reported. That curve was one of the most dangerous road spots in Van Buren County.

On the economic front, sales taxes are showing improvement compared to 2021. Many ask how alcohol sales are affecting the sales tax revenue. The answer is that we have no way of knowing. The Department of Finance and Administration does not break down sales tax data by source. Several small businesses sprung up in 2022 and Van Buren County appreciates them all!

Improvements continued through 2022 at 911. Enhanced systems are replacing old and outdated systems which serve to benefit all county residents. Computer Aided Dispatch is being installed now which will eliminate the need for dispatch to log physical sheets of call papers. At the crucial time when seconds count, 911 is counting the seconds and working with all aspects to speed response time and reduce any confusion. You will get a world class experience when you need it the most. Van Buren County should be proud of our 911 team!

Listed within this report is but a small portion of the great things that have occurred in the county in 2022. I eagerly anticipate new business announcements and new growth. I am excited to improve roads and watch as Van Buren County grows. We should enter 2023 with optimism and hope. Like the classic song by the Carpenters, "We Have Only Just Begun." May your wallet be large and your county government be small.

Cheers to 2022 and a prosperous new year!

Dale James, Van Buren County Judge