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The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, April 20,2023 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 D. Holcomb, N. Brown, S. Brown, M. Bradford, J. Bradford, B. Page, V. Lemings, M. Philips and E. Bass. Also in attendance was Leigh Davis for County Clerk and County Attorney Carol Crews.

Next: PRAYER: Given by J.P. D. Holcomb

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited by all and led by Emma Smiley, VBC Assessor.

Next: ROLL CALL: All present

**Next: AGENDA:** J.P. Page made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. J.P. Lemings made a motion to dispense with the audible readings of the Transfers, seconded by J.P. Holcomb. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

Next: MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS: J.P. Lemings made a motion to accept the Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Appropriation Analysis as printed. J.P. Holcomb seconded the motion. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none. The Minute's, Treasurer'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: Judge James stated there will be a tour of the new 911 facility after the meeting. Judge James also requested anyone attending the AAC Conference in August to please let him know.

Next: ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS ADDRESS THE COURT: Judge Susan Weaver addressed the court concerning the court room security. Judge Weaver received a quote from Convergent for cameras and backup recording. After lengthy discussion J.P. Holcomb stated he would sponsor an Ordinance for this project and help Judge Weaver with obtaining information on camera systems.

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Debbie Gray, Circuit Clerk, addressed the court on the progress of the remodel project at the VBC Courthouse. She stated flooring was being installed and work was progressing.

OLD BUSINESS: Sheriff Eric Koonce addressed the court about the COK 2023 meeting. J.P. N. Brown explained the process for receiving additional ARP Funds. She stated there must be an ARP Committee meeting to approve moving projects to Quorum Court for approval and moving of funds. Judge James stated this was a Quorum Court meeting and any additional discussion on this matter would need to be addressed in a Budget Meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. NEXT: J.P. M. BRADFORD READ AND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$1,362.04 INTO COUNTY GENERAL, ELECTION COMMISSION BUDGET #1000-109. After reading the ordinance, J.P. M. Bradford made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Page. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given No. O-2023-26
- B. NEXT: J.P. LEMINGS READ AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2022-58, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$5,807.53 INTO COUNTY GENERAL RESERVE # 1001 AND TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM FROM GENERAL RESERVE TO COUNTY GENERAL #1000. After reading the Ordinance, J.P. Lemings made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given No. O-2023-27
- C. NEXT: J.P.S. BROWN READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2022-58, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$3,000.00 INTO COUNTY GENERAL FOR THE VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE #1000-400-3103 GRANTS-IN. After reading the Ordinance, J.P. S. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Lemings. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given No. O-2023-28
- **TRANSFERS:** J.P. N. Brown made a motion to adopt the Transfers, seconded by J.P. S. Brown. All approved.
- **Next:** Grant Summers, Secretary/Treasurer of VBC Fire Chiefs Association, addressed the court about an upcoming event being held at the Clinton City Park. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fire Expo will feature a softball tournament between firefighter and law enforcement, dunk tank, live demos and much more. Fifteen percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Food Banks in Van Buren County, the remainder will be donated to the Burn Out Victims Fund. Mr. Summers asked the court if a donation to the event might be possible.

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J.P. Bass motioned to adjourn, seconded by S. Brown.

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

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#### BOOK 2023

#### COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

#### **APRIL 2023**

Crews are taking advantage of every minute available to grade the roads from end to end. We spot blade through the winter to prevent the roads from completely falling out. They are pulling the ditches and thoroughly digging out potholes. Keeping the roads graded has been a challenge having 12" of rain over normal during the first quarter of the year.

The federal grant funded project on Half Moon Road is set up and ready for the pavement contractor. The winner of the bid was Roger's Group.

Asphalt patch work is still in progress and should be completed within the next few days. CK Asphalt was the bid winner. They are laying the patches with a lay-down machine for less than we can purchase the hot-mix and roll it out ourselves.

Crews have started mowing. We still have some brush on right-of-ways from the recent storms and work continues to get all that cleaned up.

This month and next month will be spent focusing on the basics to recover from an unusually tough winter and early spring... Grading/mowing/ditching/patching.



#### VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF

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#### **Sheriff Eric Koonce**

P.O. Box 451 Clinton, Arkansas 72031 Telephone: 501-745-3838 Fax: 501-745-4898

98 Total Incident Reports for March 2023

Misdemeanor:

Drug Violations -3 Personal -8 Property - 11

Felony:

Drug Violations -5 Personal -8 Property -12

CID Call Outs -3

Search Warrants -3

Felony Affidavits -10

## VAN BUREN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

### INTAKE AND RELEASE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

ADC - 1

STATE POLICE – 1

DAMASCUS PD - 1

US MARSHALL - 1

**VAN BUREN COUNTY – 63** 

**TOTAL** 

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