

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
May 18, 2023

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, May 18, 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. Virgil Lemings

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited by all and led by County Attorney Carol Crews.

Next: ROLL CALL: All present

Next: AGENDA: J.P. Lemings made a motion to amend the Agenda and add an additional Resolution, seconded by J.P. S. Brown. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

Next: MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS: J.P. Mary Philips 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 the 911 Facility is almost complete and asked if anyone would like a tour following the meeting. He also stated the County Courthouse project is almost complete.

Next: COUNTY BOARDS/COMMITTEES ADDRESS THE COURT: J.P. M. Philips stated the Personnel Committee recently met and voted to increase the sick hours an employee can accrue from 192 to 480. This will be presented to the Quorum Court soon as a policy update. J.P. N. Brown addressed the court on the re-allocating of funds from the Quorum Court to VBC Sheriff's Office for ARP projects. A Resolution was presented in the Quorum Court packets.

Next: ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS ADDRESS THE COURT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NEXT: J.P. V. LEMINGS READ AND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #O-2022-58 THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023, TO APPROPRIATE \$2,099.16 INTO THE COLLECTOR'S AUTOMATION FUND #3001-104-3021.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. V. 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-2023-29**
- 1. NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL RESOLUTION R-2022-34, TO REESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE FUNDING ATTACHED TO THAT RESOLUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** J.P. N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. M. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The resolution was passed and given **No. R-2023-05**
- 2. NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL R-2022-09, R-2022-11, R-2022-16, R-2022-26, R-2022-27 AND R-2022-30.** J.P. N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. D. Holcomb. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The resolution was passed and given **No. R-2023-06**

TRANSFERS: None

Next: Roger Brock addressed the court concerning the blocking of Railroad Bed Road. He stated that a gate had been put up and a load of gravel had been placed to block access to the road. He was concerned emergency vehicles could not access the area in case of an emergency or fire. Judge James stated this was a civil matter and there was nothing the Quorum Court could do to help. After lengthy discussion, it was suggested Mr. Brock pursue a legal case.

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

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

Van Buren County Detention Center

Intake for April 2023

Arkansas Dept. of Corrections	2
Arkansas State Police	3
Holding for Another County	1
Clinton Police	3
Fairfield Bay Police	1
US Marshall Service	1
Van Buren County	79

Booked in a total of 90



VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF
Sheriff Eric Koonce

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Clinton, Arkansas 72031
Telephone: 501-745-3838
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85 Total Incident Reports for April 2023

Misdemeanor:

Drug Violations -5
Personal -16
Property - 3

Felony:

Drug Violations -3
Personal -5
Property -7

CID Call Outs -3

Search Warrants -10

Felony Affidavits -13



Type Total Report

Print Date: 01-May-23
Print Time: 01:00:08
User Name: jwells

Incidents Created From: 01-Apr-23 00:00:00 To: 30-Apr-23 23:59:59 ; Unit Org: VAN BUREN.LAW.VAN BUREN LAW.VAN BUREN CO SO; Unit(s): All; Source: All; Community: All

Unit Org	Event	Event Description	Type Count
VAN BUREN CO SO	ABND/HU/OPEN	ABANDONED/HU/OPEN	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	ACIC	ACIC QUERY	295
VAN BUREN CO SO	ANML	ANIMAL	47
VAN BUREN CO SO	COURT	COURT	14
VAN BUREN CO SO	DISTURBANCE	DISTURBANCE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	EXTRA PATROL	EXTRA PATROL	31
VAN BUREN CO SO	FG	GRASS FIRE	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	FPS	FIRE PUBLIC SERVICE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	FS	STRUCTURE FIRE	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	FV	VEHICLE FIRE	5
VAN BUREN CO SO	INFO	INFORMATION ONLY	22
VAN BUREN CO SO	LAW ALARM	LAW ALARM	13
VAN BUREN CO SO	LFTAST	LIFT ASSIST	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	LPS	LAW PUBLIC SERVICE	20
VAN BUREN CO SO	MED	EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	15
VAN BUREN CO SO	MEDICAL ALRM	MEDICAL ALARM	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	19
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA ENTRAP	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH ENTRAPMENT	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA WITH PI	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	OTHER	INFORMATION CALLS	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	PD	POLICE	193
VAN BUREN CO SO	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	11
VAN BUREN CO SO	PROPERTY CHECK	PROPERTY CHECK	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	PROPERTY DAMAGE	PROPERTY DAMAGE	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	PS	PUBLIC SERVICE	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	REPORT	REPORT	20
VAN BUREN CO SO	RUNAWAY	RUNAWAY	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	SEXUAL ASSULT	SEXUAL ASSULT/ RAPE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	5

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Unit Org	Event	Event Description	Type Count
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	THEFT OF PROPERTY	THEFT OF PROPERTY	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRAN	TRANSFER/TRANSPORT	51
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRANSFERRED CALL	TRANSFERRED CALL	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRF	TRAFFIC CONTROL	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRFC	TRAFFIC RECKLESS DRIVER	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	TS	TRAFFIC STOP	172
VAN BUREN CO SO	UNATTENDED DEATH	UNATTENDED DEATH	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	VANDALISM	VANDALISM	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	VERBAL DOMESTIC	VERBAL DOMESTIC	5
VAN BUREN CO SO	WARRANT	WARRANT SERVICE	31
VAN BUREN CO SO	WELFARE CHECK	WELFARE CHECK	26

Type Count -VAN BUREN CO SO: 1051

Total Incidents: 1051

COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

May 2023

We have stayed the course since the last month's update.

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. Even though we have received even more rain, we haven't experienced the flooding that occurred in January – March.

We will be applying for a Mitigation Grant to fix the series of culverts which are falling through on Baker Lake Road.

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. The paving was scheduled to begin this past Friday, but was rain delayed. At the printing of this update, paving should start Tuesday, May 16,

Asphalt patch work is still in progress and should have already been completed. 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. They pulled off our county for a larger job and will return ASAP.

Crews are mowing. We are running the mowers every day to trim as much as possible.

This month will also be spent on focusing on the basics.