

**VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**August 17, 2023**

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, August 17, 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 N. Brown, S. Brown, M. Bradford, J. Bradford, V. Lemings, and M. Philips. Also in attendance was County Attorney Carol Crews, and Pam Bradford County Clerk.

**Next: PRAYER:** Given by J.P. J. Bradford

**Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited by all

**Next: ROLL CALL:** J.P. D. Holcomb was absent

**Next: AGENDA:** J.P. V. Lemings made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by J.P. S. Brown. The agenda was unanimously approved.

**Next: MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS:** J.P. M. Bradford made a motion to accept the Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Appropriation Analysis as printed. J.P. N. Brown 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:** [None]

**Next: COUNTY BOARDS/COMMITTEES ADDRESS THE COURT:** [None]

**Next: ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS ADDRESS THE COURT:** J.P. M. Philips stated that the AAC Conference was very nice and Judge James did a very good job on the three man panel.

D. Meyer, Library Director, stated there will be a presentation about the Solar Eclipse on September 11, 2023.

**OLD BUSINESS:** [None]

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NEXT: J.P. S. BROWN READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #O-2022-58, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$43,783.07 INTO FUND # 3513 SPECIAL REVENUE, FOR THE VAN BUREN COUNTY SENIOR CENTER AEDC GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT, ETC.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. S. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. Philips asked what was going to happen to the remainder of the money. P. Bradford stated this was the remainder of the money. The ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2023-35**

**NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER MONIES IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-DIV. 1 BUDGET FROM PERSONAL SERVICES TO OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES.** After reading the ordinance J.P. N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. M. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. E. Bass asked who the Judge is in Division 1. J.P. J. Bradford was concerned about transferring the monies. P. Bradford stated it was just transferring from one line item to another. The ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2023-36**

**TRANSFERS:** Judge James read the Transfers. J.P. S. Brown made a motion to adopt the Transfers, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. All approved.

J.P. B. Page motioned to adjourn, seconded by all.

**Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk**



## **VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF**

**Sheriff Eric Koonce**

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**77 Total Incident Reports for July 2023**

**Misdemeanor:**

**Drug Violations - 3**

**Personal - 14**

**Property - 6**

**Felony:**

**Drug Violations - 4**

**Personal - 9**

**Property - 6**

**CID Call Outs - 7**

**Search Warrants - 3**

**Felony Affidavits - 7**



# Type Total Report

Print Date: 01-Aug-23

Print Time: 01:00:12

User Name: jwells

Incidents Created From: 01-Jul-23 00:00:00 To: 31-Jul-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                           | 6          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | ACIC              | ACIC QUERY                                  | 272        |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | ANML              | ANIMAL                                      | 26         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | ASSIST            | ASSIST AGENCY                               | 4          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | ATTENDED DEATH    | ATTENDED DEATH                              | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | COMPLAINT         | COMPLAINT                                   | 5          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | COURT             | COURT                                       | 12         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | DISTURBANCE       | DISTURBANCE                                 | 3          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | EXTRA PATROL      | EXTRA PATROL                                | 3          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | FPS               | EXTRA PATROL                                | 48         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | FS                | FIRE PUBLIC SERVICE                         | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | FV                | STRUCTURE FIRE                              | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | INFO              | VEHICLE FIRE                                | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | INFO              | VEHICLE FIRE                                | 2          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | INFO              | INFORMATION ONLY                            | 6          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | LAW ALARM         | LAW ALARM                                   | 16         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | LPS               | LAW PUBLIC SERVICE                          | 16         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | MED               | EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL                      | 29         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | MEDICAL ALRM      | MEDICAL ALARM                               | 14         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | MISSING PERSON    | MEDICAL ALARM                               | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | MISSING PERSON    | MISSING PERSON                              | 2          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | MOTORIST ASSIST   | MISSING PERSON                              | 2          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | MVA               | MOTORIST ASSIST                             | 8          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | MVA               | MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT                      | 17         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | MVA ENTRAP        | MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT                      | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | MVA WITH PI       | MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH ENTRAPMENT      | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | OTHER             | MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | OTHER             | INFORMATION CALLS                           | 2          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | PD                | POLICE                                      | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | PHYSICAL DOMESTIC | POLICE                                      | 147        |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | PROPERTY CHECK    | PHYSICAL DOMESTIC                           | 10         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | PROWLER           | PROPERTY CHECK                              | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | PS                | PROWLER                                     | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | REPORT            | PUBLIC SERVICE                              | 3          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | REPORT            | PUBLIC SERVICE                              | 2          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | REPORT            | REPORT                                      | 2          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | REPORT            | REPORT                                      | 46         |

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# Type Total Report

Print Date: 01-Aug-23  
Print Time: 01:00:12  
User Name: jwells

Incidents Created From: 01-Jul-23 00:00:00 To: 31-Jul-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 | ROBBERY            | ROBBERY                 | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | SEXUAL ASSULT      | SEXUAL ASSULT/ RAPE     | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | SUICIDE THREAT     | SUICIDE THREAT          | 2          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | SUSPICIOUS PERSON  | SUSPICIOUS PERSON       | 5          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE      | 6          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | THEFT OF PROPERTY  | THEFT OF PROPERTY       | 8          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | TRAN               | TRANSFER/TRANSPORT      | 64         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | TRF                | TRAFFIC CONTROL         | 7          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | TRFC               | TRAFFIC RECKLESS DRIVER | 14         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | TS                 | TRAFFIC STOP            | 262        |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | UNATTENDED DEATH   | UNATTENDED DEATH        | 3          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | VANDALISM          | VANDALISM               | 1          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | VERBAL DOMESTIC    | VERBAL DOMESTIC         | 7          |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | WARRANT            | WARRANT SERVICE         | 35         |
| VAN BUREN CO SO | WELFARE CHECK      | WELFARE CHECK           | 40         |

Type Count -VAN BUREN CO SO: 1143

Total Incidents: 1143

### Detention Statistics from 7/1/2023 to 7/31/2023

| Agency                           | Booked    |           |          | Total     | Released  |           |          | Total     | Transferred |          |          | Total    |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                  | Male      | Female    | Unk      |           | Male      | Female    | Unk      |           | Male        | Female   | Unk      |          |
| Van Buren County Sheriffs Office | 36        | 13        | 1        | 50        | 37        | 11        | 1        | 49        | 1           | 1        | 0        | 2        |
| Clinton Police Department        | 8         | 2         | 0        | 10        | 5         | 2         | 0        | 7         | 1           | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Fairfield Bay Police Department  | 3         | 2         | 0        | 5         | 3         | 2         | 0        | 5         | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Arkansas State Police            | 4         | 1         | 0        | 5         | 2         | 1         | 0        | 3         | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Us Marshalls Office              | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0        | 2         | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Damascus Police Department       | 1         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Other Agency                     | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1           | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| <b>Totals:</b>                   | <b>52</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>67</b> | <b>3</b>    | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> |

| Civil Process for July 2023 | Total to Serve | Total Attempts | Successful Service | Unsuccessful Service | Faxed from Other Counties | Faxed to Other Agencies |          |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Writ                        | 0              | 0              | 0                  | 0                    | 0                         | 0                       | 0        |
| Summons                     | 7              | 8              | 5                  | 1                    | 1                         | 0                       | 0        |
| Civilian Subpoenas          | 34             | 42             | 30                 | 4                    | 4                         | 0                       | 0        |
| L.E Subpoenas               | 50             | 50             | 50                 | 0                    | 0                         | 0                       | 0        |
| Protection Orders           | 8              | 15             | 2                  | 2                    | 4                         | 1                       | 1        |
| Small Claims                | 1              | 1              | 1                  | 0                    | 0                         | 0                       | 0        |
| Juvenile Subpoena           | 0              | 0              | 0                  | 0                    | 0                         | 0                       | 0        |
| Child Support/ DHS Papers   | 1              | 2              | 1                  | 1                    | 0                         | 1                       | 0        |
| Divorce Papers              | 1              | 1              | 1                  | 0                    | 0                         | 0                       | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>102</b>     | <b>119</b>     | <b>90</b>          | <b>9</b>             | <b>9</b>                  | <b>2</b>                | <b>6</b> |

Explain Unsuccessful Service: Protection Order - No one home, Shut/Locked Gate, Will not answer phone, Lack of Valid Address  
Summons- No one home  
Civilian Subpoena's- No one home, lack of time to serve papers legally

# COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

**August 2023**

As promised, we have continued to stay 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 are also mowing as many roads as we can from end to end. The wet summer has certainly made the job of keeping up with mowing very difficult.

We are 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 has completed. We will now submit an application for a half-million dollar grant to pave another road with a population of considerable impoverishment as recorded in the 2020 Census. I can share with you that the road is Oyler Road.

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. As an update from June, we are still waiting for work to be completed on Teal Trail, Gravesville Cutoff Road, and Holly Mountain Road.