

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT
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motion- Holcomb
and N. Brown

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, September 21, 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, D. Holcomb, V. Lemings, and M. Philips. Also in attendance was County Attorney Jacob Franklin, and Pam Bradford County Clerk.

Next: PRAYER: Given by J.P. V. Lemings

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited by all

Next: ROLL CALL: All present

Next: AGENDA: J.P. V. Lemings made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 2 Resolutions and an Ordinance, seconded by J.P. N. Brown.
The agenda was unanimously approved.

Next: MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS: J.P. M. Philips made a motion to accept the Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Appropriation Analysis as printed. J.P. M. Bradford 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. S. Brown asked for an update on the 911 Center. Judge James stated they are still waiting on the backup generator and estimated delivery date is November/December 2023.
J.P. E. Bass addressed an anonymous letter he received concerning activities at the chuckwagon races. Sheriff Koonce stated it had been taken care of. J.P. Bass thanked him for his work on this matter.
J.P. V. Lemings asked about the debt repayment for the Quorum Court desk. Judge James stated this will need to be discussed in the next budget meeting.

Danny Griffin, County Extension Agent, gave an update on upcoming training and demos. There will be an Agri Demo on hay production in Arkansas. Janet Perkins gave an update on programs that will be taught.

Deb Meyer, VBC Library, stated this is Library Card Month. She also stated she had applications available at the meeting if anyone was interested.

Sheriff Koonce gave an update on the new systems that were installed in the jail. They are working well. They are working on grants for infra-red sensors at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: [None]

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NEXT: J.P. D. HOLCOMB 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 \$2,144.00 INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-400 FOR THE K-9 EXPENSES.** After reading the ordinance, J.P. D. Holcomb made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. M. Bradford. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2023-37**
- B. NEXT: J.P. B. PAGE READ AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2022-58, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$112.21 INTO THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-101 AND \$57.00 INTO THE CIRCUIT CLERKS' OFFICE BUDGET #1000-102.** After reading the ordinance J.P. B. Page made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. D. Holcomb. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2023-38**
- C. NEXT: J.P. V. LEMINGS READ AND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$6,105.80 INTO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET # 1000-300.** 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-2023-39**
- D. NEXT: J.P. N. 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 \$6,880.56 INTO THE COURTHOUSE BUDGET #1000-108.** After reading the Ordinance J.P. N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. M. Bradford. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. D. Holcomb asked if this was construction in progress. Judge James stated that the auditors say it must be coded as construction in progress until it is finished. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2023-40**

E. NEXT: J.P. M. PHILIPS READ AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY. After reading the Emergency Ordinance J.P. M. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. V. Lemings. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Emergency Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2023-41**

1. **NEXT: J.P. E. BASS READ A RESOLUTION, BY TITLE ONLY, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.** After reading the Resolution, by title only, J.P. E. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. S. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. E. Bass asked if Whistle Stop was part of this project. The Resolution was passed and given **No. R-2023-09**
2. **NEXT: J.P. E. BASS READ A RESOLUTION, BY TITLE ONLY, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITE RIVER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.** After reading the Resolution J.P. E. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. Page. Judge James asked for any discussion. Judge James stated this was \$500,000.00 grant. The Resolution was passed and given **No. R-2023-10**
3. **NEXT: J.P. D. HOLCOMB READ A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE VAN BUREN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD.** After reading the Resolution J.P. D. Holcomb made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Resolution was passed and given **No. R-2023-11**
4. **NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE COURT ORDER # 2023-127 TO TRANSFER MONIES IN THE QUORUM COURT BUDGET TO PURCHASE A COPIER/FAX/SCANNER FOR THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.** After reading the Resolution 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-2023-12**

TRANSFERS: Judge James read the Transfers. J.P. D. Holcomb made a motion to adopt the Transfers, seconded by J.P. V. Lemings. All approved.

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

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

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September, 2023

The paving project on Half Moon Road, which was funded by a grant, was signed off on and completed. The grant amount of this project was \$325,000.00.

We received word that the mitigation grant that we submitted for Baker Lake Road was approved. That grant will be worth about \$400,000.00.

The State-Aid paving project on Whistle Stop and Linn Creek Roads should begin Wednesday, September 20. We have pulled out the ditches all along the route, dug out soft spots, drained out springs, dug out clay areas and repacked them with base material, and mowed to get the route prepared. I am excited to see this project come to completion. Once the pavement is installed, the people along the route will, hopefully, be very pleased with the quality of the job. The dollar amount of this job is approximately \$800,000.00.

A request was made to ARDOT and was approved for 300 yards of millings which are stock-piled at the bridge by 16W and 65. Those will be spread to the roads in Alread. The millings will be spread thickly and rolled. The material should bond and create some good roads. If we need more millings, all we have to do is submit a request.

We are submitting a grant request for \$500,000.00 (grant max) to pave Oylar Road. This is a grant based on low to moderate income levels and is the grant that Half Moon Road qualified for. The latest census data put Oylar in the category to receive funding. I feel good about getting approval for this project.

We are continuing to work with the Arkansas Unpaved Roads project, the Nature Conservancy, and other partners to create a fix at the Brickey Road low water crossing area. The proposed fix will replace the concrete structure with bottomless arches to allow the water to freely flow and create as natural habitat as possible for fish and wildlife. The grant amount requested is \$500,000.00

Between the grant requests, the State Aid project, and the millings from ARDOT, we are looking at a total of approximately 2.8 million dollars to the county.

Grading and mowing is occurring on their regular routes. Crushing operations are business as usual. Chip/Seal patching is being conducted currently. Between the asphalt patching that was conducted earlier this year and the Chip/Seal patching occurring now, an incredible amount of surface work has been completed this year.

Our pavement contractor, which was selected with a sealed bid process, is working larger, state funded projects and will return to the county as soon as the state projects are completed. Pulling off from the county was part of the lower price. When they return Banner Mountain Road from Hwy. 16 E to Bob Hogue Road will be resurfaced. Work on Teal Trail will also be completed at that time.



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VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Eric Koonce

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96 Total Incident Reports for August 2023

Misdemeanor:

Drug Violations - 2

Personal - 11

Property - 6

Felony:

Drug Violations - 4

Personal - 10

Property - 14

CID Call Outs - 5

Search Warrants - 3

Felony Affidavits - 9



Type Total Report

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

Incidents Created From: 01-Aug-23 00:00:00 To: 31-Aug-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	183
VAN BUREN CO SO	ANML	ANIMAL	31
VAN BUREN CO SO	ASSIST	ASSIST AGENCY	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	ATTENDED DEATH	ATTENDED DEATH	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	COMPLAIN	COMPLAINT	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	COURT	COURT	6
VAN BUREN CO SO	DISTURBANCE	DISTURBANCE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	EXTRA PATROL	EXTRA PATROL	26
VAN BUREN CO SO	FG	GRASS FIRE	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	FV	VEHICLE FIRE	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	INFO	INFORMATION ONLY	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	LAW ALARM	LAW ALARM	17
VAN BUREN CO SO	LPS	LAW PUBLIC SERVICE	28
VAN BUREN CO SO	MED	EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	16
VAN BUREN CO SO	MISSING PERSON	MISSING PERSON	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	MOTORIST ASSIST	MOTORIST ASSIST	9
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	25
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA WITH PI	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	PD	POLICE	143
VAN BUREN CO SO	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	10
VAN BUREN CO SO	PS	PUBLIC SERVICE	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	REPORT	REPORT	37
VAN BUREN CO SO	SHOOTING	SHOOTING	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	STOLEN VEHICLE	STOLEN VEHICLE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUICIDE THREAT	SUICIDE THREAT	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	8
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	7

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Unit Org	Event	Event Description	Type Count
VAN BUREN CO SO	THEFT OF PROPERTY	THEFT OF PROPERTY	11
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRAN	TRANSFER/TRANSPORT	57
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRF	TRAFFIC CONTROL	6
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRFC	TRAFFIC RECKLESS DRIVER	6
VAN BUREN CO SO	TS	TRAFFIC STOP	198
VAN BUREN CO SO	UNATTENDED DEATH	UNATTENDED DEATH	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	VANDALISM	VANDALISM	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	VERBAL DOMESTIC	VERBAL DOMESTIC	9
VAN BUREN CO SO	WARRANT	WARRANT SERVICE	27
VAN BUREN CO SO	WELFARE CHECK	WELFARE CHECK	32

Type Count -VAN BUREN CO SO: 931

Total Incidents: 931

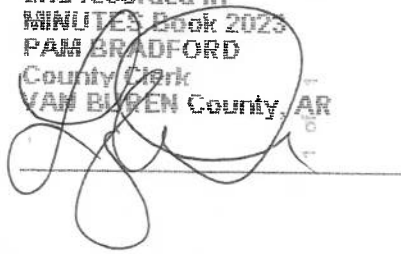
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Detention Statistics from 8/1/2023 to 8/31/2023

Agency	Booked			Released			Transferred			
	Male	Female	Unk	Male	Female	Unk	Male	Female	Unk	Total
Van Buren County Sheriffs Office	54	15	0	41	14	0	0	1	0	1
Clinton Police Department	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
Arkansas State Police	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Fairfield Bay Police Department	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Other Agency	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	58	16	0	48	17	0	1	1	0	2

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