

Motion - M Bradford
2nd - N Brown

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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County Clerk

VAN BUREN County, AR

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, February 15th, 2024, 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, J. Bradford, M. Bradford, D. Holcomb, B. Page, E. Bass, V. Lemings, and M. Philips. Also in attendance was Attorney Carol Crews and Pam Bradford County Clerk.

Next: PRAYER: Given by J.P Ester Bass

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all and led by J.P Sarah Brown

Next: ROLL CALL: All present

Next: AGENDA: Added Ordinance Sponsored by M. Philips, motioned by M. Bradford, seconded S. Brown. Transfers dispense audibe reading of motioned by N. Brown, seconded by M. Philips, Changed Ordinance Sponsored by D. Holcomb motion by N. Brown and seconded by M. Bradford.

Next: MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS:

J.P. N. Brown made a motion to accept the Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Appropriation Analysis as printed. J.P. V. Lemings seconded the motion. Judge James asked for any discussion there was none.

Next: COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT: [Attached]

Next: SHERIFF'S REPORT: [Attached]

Next: COUNTY JUDGE'S COMMENTS: 911 moved into annex building having a smooth transition. Tested equipment and all went well. Judy addressed that they lost one person but they had a full and part time position available. County Road reports they faced disaster due to weather. Hired independent HAULERS & contractors to do work on VBC roads. Reported they had over a million dollar disaster.

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

Next: ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS ADDRESS THE COURT: Sheriff Koonce received a grant for new equipment approximately \$80,000. Hired a new Deputy from FFB. Buying out for 1 year approximately \$5,000.00 verses \$60,000.00. Carol Crews: Presented Hot Check Account Report.

Next: J.P.N. Brown made a Motion to approve J.P. M. Philips, one agent for the Arkansas Association of Quorum Court delegate ,seconded by M. Bradford.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Britta Ruckett D.C.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **NEXT: CAROL CREWS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 0-2023-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$23,963.97 INTO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY RESERVE FUND #1001-103, TO BE TRANSFERRED AND APPROPRIATED INTO THE COUNTY ANNEX BUDGET #1000-120, IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND.** After the reading of the Ordinance J.P. D. Holcomb made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. The total bill was \$ 96,386.51 from February 2005 to June 2023 per the Arkansas Public Service Commission. Petit Jean settled for a one time payment of \$23,963.97. This amount will be coming out of the reserve. The Ordinance was approved and given. **No. O-2024-03.**

- B. **NEXT: J.P. D.HOLCOMB READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 0-2023-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024, TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$50,000.00 INTO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-400.** After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P D. Holcomb made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P V. Lemings. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2024-04.**

- C. **NEXT: J.P D.HOLCOMB READ AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER MONIES WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET #1000-400 TO PAYOUT/REIMBURSE THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR AN EMPLOYEE WHO COMPLETED THE ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY.** After reading the Ordinance, J.P. D. Holcomb made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P M. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P E. Bass asked if they were to payout if it would short the Sheriff's Department funds. Sheriff Koonce assured that it would not. The Ordinance was approved and given **No.0-2024-05.**

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D. NEXT: J.P S.BROWN READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 0-2023-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$88,470.00 INTO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-400. After reading the Ordinance, J.P S. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P D. Holcomb. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P M. Bradford questioned if GPS would allow tracking on vehicles. Sheriff Koonce stated he was unsure, but knew it would tell if the vehicle traveled at night. The Ordinance was approved and given No. 0-2024-06.

E. NEXT: J.P M.PHILIPS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 0-2023-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$66,811.68 INTO THE ADDITIONAL FUEL TAX REFUND #2003-200. After reading the Ordinance, J.P. M. Philips 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.0-2024-07.

1. NEXT: JP J.BRADFORD READ A RESOLUTION, BY TITLE ONLY EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF VAN BUREN COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: LAZY CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON LAKE CLIFF ROAD (STRUCTURE NO. 23689) After reading the resolution by title only, all voted to approve and given # R-2024-01

2. NEXT: J. BRADFORD READ A RESOLUTION, BY TITLE ONLY EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF VAN BUREN COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: SCOTLAND BRANCH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON OLD HWY. 389 (STRUCTURE NO. M3015) After reading the resolution by title only, all voted to approve and given # R-2024-02

TRANSFERS: J.P. S. Brown made a motion to approve the transfers, seconded by J.P. N. Brown.

Judge James asked if anyone had questions, there were none.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded by all.

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

Unpaved Roads Project and \$300,000 from the Nature Conservancy. The total project price tag is right at \$1 million dollars. The county will match with in-kind labor, equipment, and product. We will also fund the relief pipes for the project and subsidize the purchase of the arch top crossings.

The Baker Lake Project is valued at a half-million dollars. A bridge and relief pipes will replace the current series of failing pipes.

The bridge on Archey Road is falling under the State Aid program. Survey markers show that the project is underway. This project will be funded with a combination of local, state, and federal money. The total project cost will exceed \$1 million dollars.

The Oyler Road Grant continues to look promising. The area qualified as an impoverished area to receive a half million dollars for pavement/asphalt. The county will match with in-kind work and will chip/seal the remainder of the road not paved.

COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

FEBRUARY, 2024

The days since the last Quorum Court Meeting have been among the most challenging that I have faced since becoming the County Judge. The ground froze almost a foot deep. When it thawed, we received a soaking rain. The ground was already sloppy from the recent snow fall. The bottom fell out of many roads, some of which had several inches of gravel on the surface.

One example is South Hills Drive in Bee Branch. There is a housing subdivision with one way in, one way out. A hole opened up about 50' in length. Only a four-wheel drive truck could get through. It took 50 loads of product to make the road passable. Gravel wouldn't touch places like this. We used large, fill type material to build a base but those areas were virtually bottomless. The area remained extremely rough but was passable. After receiving yet another soaking rain, we let the area set up as much as possible. A layer of gravel will smooth those places, but only when the time is right. My hope is to have all those rough areas covered with gravel by the time of the February Quorum Court Meeting.

The areas where "the bottom fell out" were wide spread throughout the county.

I put out the all-call for county owned operators and private contractors to assist with the recovery efforts. I am very proud that 100% of the private help was Van Buren County owned and operated!

Our own crusher in Formosa can keep up with the demand of our own 5 trucks. With 20 private contractor trucks running, we had to purchase gravel. The funding for the gravel and haulers was from fund 2003, Other Fuel Tax.

Van Buren County has declared a disaster to receive some funding from the state to assist in the recovery efforts. We should receive a 35% reimbursement up to \$500,000.00.

We lost several chip/seal roads where the surface crumbled. We also lost pavement on Old Gin Road.

The crew has worked a LOT of comp time. The budget should be sufficient to support all the extra payroll.

In the February Quorum Court Packet, you will see an Ordinance which is sponsored by J.P. Mary Phillips. The purpose of the ordinance is to get a line of credit from First Service Bank for a million dollars. We have over 5 million dollars in grants coming in to the county for roads, some of which are reimbursement grants. With the current disaster, we may need to have some funds available up front to be able to receive them later.

We have applied for grants to replace some qualified failing bridges. We have received grants for the old WPA bridge in Scotland and the bridge on Lake Cliff Drive at Sugar Loaf. The estimated value of these grants is \$1 million each for a total bridge grant of \$2 million.

The Rabbit Ridge/Bricky Road low water crossing grant has been approved. The Nature Conservancy is requesting more funding on our behalf. Currently, we have received \$75,000 from the Arkansas



VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF

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78 Total Incident Reports for January 2024

Misdemeanor:

Drug Violations - 3

Personal - 22

Property - 8

Felony:

Drug Violations - 1

Personal - 7

Property - 8

CID Call Outs - 11

Search Warrants - 8

Felony Affidavits - 7



Type Total Report

Print Date: 01-Feb-24

Print Time: 01:00:09

User Name: jwells

Incidents Created From: 01-Jan-24 00:00:00 To: 31-Jan-24 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	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	ACIC	ACIC QUERY	223
VAN BUREN CO SO	ANML	ANIMAL	21
VAN BUREN CO SO	ASSIST	ASSIST AGENCY	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	ATTENDED DEATH	ATTENDED DEATH	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	COURT	COURT	6
VAN BUREN CO SO	DISTURBANCE	DISTURBANCE	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	EXTRA PATROL	EXTRA PATROL	18
VAN BUREN CO SO	FIRE ALARM	FIRE ALARM	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	FS	STRUCTURE FIRE	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	FV	VEHICLE FIRE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	INFO	INFORMATION ONLY	6
VAN BUREN CO SO	LAW ALARM	LAW ALARM	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	LPS	LAW PUBLIC SERVICE	21
VAN BUREN CO SO	MED	EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	9
VAN BUREN CO SO	MISSING PERSON	MISSING PERSON	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	MOTORIST ASSIST	MOTORIST ASSIST	9
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	26
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA ENTRAP	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH ENTRAPMENT	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA WITH PI	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	PD	POLICE	119
VAN BUREN CO SO	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	6
VAN BUREN CO SO	PROPERTY CHECK	PROPERTY CHECK	10
VAN BUREN CO SO	PROWLER	PROWLER	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	PS	PUBLIC SERVICE	8
VAN BUREN CO SO	REPORT	REPORT	27
VAN BUREN CO SO	RES CALL	RESCUE SQUAD CALL	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	RUNAWAY	RUNAWAY	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	STOLEN VEHICLE	STOLEN VEHICLE	3

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Type Total Report

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User Name: jwells

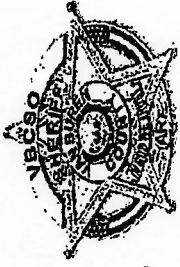
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Unit Org	Event	Event Description	Type Count
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUICIDE THREAT	SUICIDE THREAT	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	THEFT OF PROPERTY	THEFT OF PROPERTY	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRAN	TRANSFER/TRANSPORT	42
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRF	TRAFFIC CONTROL	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRFC	TRAFFIC RECKLESS DRIVER	5
VAN BUREN CO SO	TS	TRAFFIC STOP	203
VAN BUREN CO SO	UNATTENDED DEATH	UNATTENDED DEATH	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	VANDALISM	VANDALISM	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	VERBAL DOMESTIC	VERBAL DOMESTIC	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	WARRANT	WARRANT SERVICE	52
VAN BUREN CO SO	WATER RESCUE	WATER RESCUE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	WELFARE CHECK	WELFARE CHECK	21

Type Count -VAN BUREN CO SO: 902

Total Incidents: 902

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Civil Process for January 2024	Total to Serve	Total Attempts	Successful Service	Unsuccessful Service	Faxed from Other Counties	Faxed to Other Agencies
Writ	1	0	0	0	0	0
Summons	14	10	9	0	1	2
Civilian Subpoenas	22	20	14	1	0	5
L.E Subpoenas	23	23	23	0	0	0
Protection Orders	16	25	6	0	0	6
Notice of Hearing	1	1	1	0	0	0
Child Support/ DHS Papers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	77	79	53	1	1	13

Detention Statistics from 1/1/2024 to 1/31/2024

Agency	Booked			Total	Released			Total	Transferred			Total
	Male	Female	Unk		Male	Female	Unk		Male	Female	Unk	
Van Buren County Sheriffs Office	32	8	0	40	28	5	0	33	3	1	0	4
Arkansas State Police	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
Clinton Police Department	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Fairfield Bay Police Department	2	0	0	2	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
Arkansas Department Of Corrections	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals:	38	9	0	47	38	7	0	45	3	1	0	4

*Chad
Brown*

Van Buren Prosecutor

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Register: Hot Check Fee

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Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment C	Deposit	Balance
01/19/2022	withdawl	VBCDPA	Hot Check Trust Acco...		27.46		15,442.10
01/24/2022	1249	U.S.P.S.	Hot Check Fee account		58.00		15,384.10
01/25/2022	1250	Ashley Bowen, Speci...	Hot Check Fee account		57.12		15,326.98
02/09/2022	Fee	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Fee account		13.02		15,313.96
02/10/2022	1251	Penny Stringer	Hot Check Fee account		42.00		15,271.96
02/17/2022	DEP	VBCDPA	Hot Check Fee account	Deposit		51.54	15,323.50
02/17/2022	withdrawl	VBCDPA	Hot Check Fee account		27.05		15,296.45
03/09/2022	Fee	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Fee account		14.39		15,282.06
03/25/2022	DEP	VBCDPA	Hot Check Fee account	Deposit		25.00	15,307.06
03/25/2022	withdraw	VBCDPA	Hot Check Fee account		27.04		15,280.02
04/04/2022	1252	U.S.P.S.	Hot Check Fee account		55.00		15,225.02
04/05/2022	1253	Rachel Thomas	Hot Check Fee account		29.82		15,195.20
04/11/2022	Fee	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Fee account		13.76		15,181.44
04/14/2022	withdraw	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Fee account		28.94		15,152.50
04/26/2022	DEP	VBCDPA	Hot Check Fee account	Deposit		25.00	15,177.50
05/09/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Fee account		14.03		15,163.47
05/10/2022	1254	Cowboy Dodge	Hot Check Fee account		52.14		15,111.33
05/10/2022	1255	CDW GOVERNMENT	Hot Check Fee account		479.42		14,631.91
05/24/2022	1256	U.S.P.S.	Hot Check Fee account		58.00		14,573.91
05/26/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Fee account		28.35		14,545.56
06/09/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Fee account		13.61		14,531.95
07/01/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust Acco...		28.74		14,503.21
07/11/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Fee account		12.75		14,490.46
07/18/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust Acco...		27.23		14,463.23
08/09/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust Acco...		41.00		14,422.23
09/02/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust		26.33		14,395.90
09/09/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust		39.38		14,356.52
10/11/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust		40.17		14,316.35
11/09/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust		38.78		14,277.57
11/15/2022	1257	Quill	Hot Check Fee account		106.24		14,171.33
12/09/2022	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust		39.26		14,132.07
12/15/2022	1258	Van Buren County T...	Hot Check Fee account		302.73		13,829.34
12/28/2022	1259	Quill	Hot Check Fee account		110.50		13,718.84
12/28/2022	1260	Quill	Hot Check Fee account		89.37		13,629.47

Van Buren Prosecutor

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01/07/2023	1266	Stephanie Marsters	Hot Check Fee account		41.00		13,588.47
01/09/2023	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust		38.97		13,549.50
01/10/2023	1261	Lexus Nexus	Hot Check Fee account		69.54		13,479.96
01/12/2023	1262	Rita Count	Hot Check Fee account		63.00		13,416.96
01/12/2023	1263	Debbie Whillock	Hot Check Fee account		139.40		13,277.56
02/09/2023	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust		39.56		13,238.00
02/13/2023	1264	Rita Count	Hot Check Fee account		160.00		13,078.00
02/16/2023	1265	John E Reed and Ass...	Hot Check Fee account		630.00		12,448.00
02/23/2023	1267	Debbie Whillock	Hot Check Fee account		200.90		12,247.10
03/09/2023	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust		40.22		12,206.88
04/06/2023	1268	Enoch Computer Tec...	Hot Check Fee account		123.15		12,083.73
04/10/2023	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust		39.02		12,044.71
04/19/2023	1270	Penny Stringer	Hot Check Fee account		49.98		11,994.73
04/27/2023	DEP	VBCDPA	Hot Check Fee account	Deposit		49.53	12,044.26
05/09/2023	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust Acco...		41.92		12,002.34
06/09/2023	Fee	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust		38.84		11,963.50
07/06/2023	1271	City of Clinton	Hot Check Trust		630.00		11,333.50
07/10/2023	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust		40.33		11,293.17
08/09/2023	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust Acco...		39.04		11,254.13
09/11/2023	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust Acco...		38.86		11,215.27
10/06/2023	1272	Arkansas Secretary o...	Hot Check Fee account		20.00		11,195.27
10/06/2023	1273	The River Company	Hot Check Trust Acco...		50.00		11,145.27
10/10/2023	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust Acco...		39.12		11,106.15
10/19/2023	1274	Van Buren County C...	Hot Check Trust Acco...		15.00		11,091.15
10/30/2023	1275	Clemons Constructio...	Hot Check Trust Acco...		500.00		10,591.15
10/30/2023	1276	Clinton Water & Sewer	Hot Check Trust Acco...		260.00		10,331.15
11/03/2023	1277	Petit Jean Electric	Hot Check Trust Acco...		260.00		10,071.15
11/06/2023	1278	Davis Cash Lumber	Hot Check Trust Acco...		514.16		9,556.99
11/06/2023	1279	ACTION Shredding ...	Hot Check Trust Acco...		80.00		9,476.99
11/08/2023	1280	Holley Mtn. Sign Co.	Hot Check Trust Acco...		218.00		9,258.99
11/09/2023	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust Acco...		39.81		9,219.18
11/28/2023	1281	Stephanie Marsters	Hot Check Fee account		32.80		9,186.38
12/08/2023	1282	Davis Cash Lumber	Hot Check Trust Acco...		97.77		9,088.61
12/11/2023	FEE	Analysis Charge	Hot Check Trust Acco...		39.91		9,048.70
12/27/2023	1283	Van Buren County T...	Hot Check Fee account		424.00		8,624.70
12/28/2023	1284	Card Services Center	Hot Check Fee account		337.13		8,287.57
12/29/2023	1285	Card Services Center	Hot Check Fee account		410.92		7,876.65