Sponsor: J.P. John Bradford

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE VAN BUREN COUNTY JUDGE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING STATE HIGHWAY 337, SECTION 1, IN THE SUGARLOAF COMMUNITY, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM IN EXCHANGE FOR AN ECONOMIC EXPANSION PROJECT IN CONWAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

**WHEREAS:** Green Bay Packaging has requested the Arkansas Department of Transportation (Department) relocate Highway 113 near Oppelo in Conway County; and

**WHEREAS:** a partnership involving the removal of certain highways from the State Highway System will be required to offset the anticipated cost of this relocation; and

**WHEREAS:** Van Buren County has received a request to accept ownership of Highway 337, Section 1 as part of this partnership; and

**WHEREAS:** upon receipt of sufficient commitments, the Department will consider moving forward with a project to relocate Highway 113; and

**WHEREAS:** the Department will oversee all phases of the project; and

**WHEREAS:** upon completion of this improvement*,* Van Buren County will accept ownership of and responsibility for Highway 337, Section 1.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS** **THAT:**

**SECTION I:** Van Buren County will participate in accordance with its designated responsibilities in this project to accept Arkansas State Highway 337, Section 1, which is approximately 1.7 miles in length, in the Sugarloaf community, into the Van Buren County Road System.

**SECTION II:** The County Judge, or their designated representative, is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite implementation of this project.

**SECTION III:** Van Buren County pledges its support and hereby requests that the Arkansas Department of Transportation initiate action to implement these improvements.

**THIS ORDINANCE** adopted this 21st day of March 2024.

 Dale James

 County Judge

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL) Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk