

*Motion - N Brown  
2nd - M Bradford*

**VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
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The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 Nikki Brown

**Next: ROLL CALL:** All present

**Next: AGENDA:** Motion made by J.P. N. Brown to run the clean-up ordinance by title only, seconded by D. Holcomb. Judge James asked for any discussion, there were none.

**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.

**Next: COUNTY JUDGE'S COMMENTS:** [None]

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

**Next: ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS ADDRESS THE COURT:** Director of Library, Deborah Meyer stated they had free Eclipse Glasses available to pick up at the library.

**Next: PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COURT**

**NEXT: OLD BUSINESS: Eclipse Discussion:** Judge James addressed the court concerning County Offices remaining opened or to close on the day of the Eclipse. After discussion within the court, Judge James made a decision to close the Van Buren County Offices.

- A. NEXT: J. P. J. BRADFORD 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 \$5,041.86 INTO THE COUNTY ROAD FUND 2000-200. After the reading of the Ordinance J.P. J. Bradford made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. M. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given. No. O-2024-08.**
- B. 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 REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$34,757.33 INTO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-400. After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P. D. S. BROWN 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-2024-09.**
- C. NEXT: J.P. J. BRADFORD READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #0-2023-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024, TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$41,834.38 INTO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET #2000-200. After reading the Ordinance, J.P. J. Bradford made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. M. Philips. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. V. Lemings asked how we missed that in the budget? Judge James stated that it was an insignificant amount, but because of the emergency we went through, we need to appropriate every penny. The ordinance was approved and given No.0-2024-10.**
- D. NEXT: J.P. J. BRADFORD READ AN APPROPRIATION 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. After reading the Ordinance, J.P. J. Bradford made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. D. Holcomb. Judge James opened the discussion to lay out the pros and cons. Pros were that we would be able to employ 17 people in the county. Also, that the stretch of highway would qualify for state aid. The cons are it's a forever agreement with no end and at some point it will need an overlay. Steve Goode addressed the court to explain what an Economic Good Greenway will be. He stated that it will be over a 2 billion dollar project over the 3 phases. The JPs had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Goode, Randy Ward and Judge James. All voted for, J.P. M. Bradford voted against. The ordinance was approved and given. No. 0-2024-11 Judge James did not sign the ordinance at this time.**

E. NEXT: J.P. M. BRADFORD READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 0-2022-58, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023; TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE 2023 BUDGETS FOR FINAL CLEAN-UP PURPOSES. After reading the Ordinance, J.P. M. Bradford made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. J. Bradford. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The ordinance was approved and given No. 0-2024-12

TRANSFERS: [None]

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

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# COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

**MARCH, 2024**

**MAINTENANCE:**

End to end road grading and ditching is happening on the grader routes.

Most roads received some gravel from the recent road disaster.

We are still covering the larger rocks used to rebuild the fallen out roads with gravel to make a smooth driving surface. We had to let the large product settle and dry out enough to smooth it up and to apply the final layer.

Road mowing is happening daily.

Working business as usual as inexpensively as possible to rebuild monetary resources from the recent disaster.

**GRANT PROJECTS:**

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 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 over a half-million dollars. A bridge and relief pipes will replace the current series of failing pipes.

The Oyler Road project looks promising. We should know if that grant is awarded in April. We applied for the maximum amount of \$500,000.00. The project will consist of paving most of Oyler and chip/sealing the remaining portion as the county's matching portion. Total project price tag is valued at over \$1 million.

Lake Cliff Road Bridge Project – Federal Grant application submitted and looks promising. Total price tag of approx. \$1 million.

Scotland Bridge Project – Federal Grant application submitted and looks promising. Total price tag of approx. \$1 million.

Archey Road Bridge Project – State and Federal Aid funded, County pays 2%. Total price tag of approx. \$1 million.

FEMA reimbursement for the declared disaster – Reimbursements can take a very long time to receive. I hope to receive \$150,000 - \$175,000.



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## VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF

**Sheriff Eric Koonce**

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### 93 Total Incident Reports for February 2024

#### Misdemeanor:

Drug Violations - 1

Personal - 26

Property - 13

#### Felony:

Drug Violations - 0

Personal - 12

Property - 6

CID Call Outs - 4

Search Warrants - 10

Felony Affidavits - 4



# Type Total Report

Print Date: 01-Mar-24  
Print Time: 01:00:11  
User Name: jwells

Incidents Created From: 01-Feb-24 00:00:00 To: 29-Feb-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	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	ACIC	ACIC QUERY	265
VAN BUREN CO SO	ANML	ANIMAL	41
VAN BUREN CO SO	ASSAULT	ASSAULT	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	ASSIST	ASSIST AGENCY	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	COURT	COURT	11
VAN BUREN CO SO	EXTRA PATROL	EXTRA PATROL	28
VAN BUREN CO SO	FG	GRASS FIRE	5
VAN BUREN CO SO	FPS	FIRE PUBLIC SERVICE	6
VAN BUREN CO SO	FS	STRUCTURE FIRE	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	FV	VEHICLE FIRE	2
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	17
VAN BUREN CO SO	MED	EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	15
VAN BUREN CO SO	MISSING PERSON	MISSING PERSON	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	MOTORIST ASSIST	MOTORIST ASSIST	14
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	13
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA ENTRAP	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH ENTRAPMENT	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA WITH PI	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	PD	POLICE	1433
VAN BUREN CO SO	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	6
VAN BUREN CO SO	PROWLER	PROWLER	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	PS	PUBLIC SERVICE	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	REPORT	REPORT	23
VAN BUREN CO SO	RUNAWAY	RUNAWAY	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	SHOOTING	SHOOTING	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	STOLEN VEHICLE	STOLEN VEHICLE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	2
VAN BUREN CO SO			1

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Unit Org	Event	Event Description	Type Count
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUICIDE THREAT	SUICIDE THREAT	5
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	12
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	9
VAN BUREN CO SO	THEFT OF PROPERTY	THEFT OF PROPERTY	17
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRAN	TRANSFER/TRANSPORT	42
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRF	TRAFFIC CONTROL	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRFC	TRAFFIC RECKLESS DRIVER	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	TS	TRAFFIC STOP	242
VAN BUREN CO SO	VANDALISM	VANDALISM	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	VERBAL DOMESTIC	VERBAL DOMESTIC	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	WARRANT	WARRANT SERVICE	56
VAN BUREN CO SO	WELFARE CHECK	WELFARE CHECK	21

Type Count -VAN BUREN CO SO: 1047

Total Incidents: 1047

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Civil Process for February 2024	Total to Serve	Total needs to be Served	Successful Service	Non-Served	Faxed from other Countied	Faxed other Agencies
Writ	1	1				
Summons	26	9	13	4	1	
Civilian Subpoenas	16	3	11	2		
L.E. Subpoenas	30	0	29	0		1
Protection Orders	20	9	11		2	
Notice of Hearing		1				
Child Support/DHS Papers						
<b>Total:</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>



### Detention Statistics from 2/1/2024 to 2/29/2024

Agency	Booked				Released				Transferred			
	Male	Female	Unk	Total	Male	Female	Unk	Total	Male	Female	Unk	Total
Van Buren County Sheriffs Office	44	13	0	57	37	10	0	47	0	2	0	2
Arkansas State Police	9	0	0	9	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
Fairfield Bay Police Department	5	3	0	8	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	0
Clinton Police Department	4	2	0	6	4	2	0	6	0	0	0	0
Arkansas Department Of Corrections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Us Marshalls Office	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Agency	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

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