

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
April 18th, 2024

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, April 18th, 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, led by J.P S. Brown

Next: ROLL CALL: All present

Next: AGENDA: No changes to Agenda

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. M. Bradford seconded the motion. Judge James asked for any discussion there was none.

Next: COUNTY JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Judge James commented that last month the JP'S voted to take in the 1.7 mile road on Sugar Loaf in exchange for Conway Development Project. The following week Judge James met with the Conway County Judge. He agreed to take the 1.7 miles. Judge James stated he would run a repeal ordinance on it.

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

Next: ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS ADDRESS THE COURT: J.P. M. Philips attended an AAC meeting and received a Quorum Court packet for each J.P. She addressed some concerns about FIOA going around that the legislations to make it where the J.P's would not be allowed to speak to one another. Also, addressing that they have a back-up of 2,200 prisoners that they are trying to place and 49 of our counties have passed a cryptocurrency ordinance.

Next: PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COURT

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NEXT: J. P M. PHILIPS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAN BUREN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH FIRST SERVICE BANK OF CLINTON FOR A LINE OF CREDIT FOR THE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT AND TO APPROPRIATE THOSE FUNDS INTO 2000-0200-9999, TRANSFERS OUT.** After the reading of the Ordinance J.P. M. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. S. Brown asked if there was a certain amount where the Judge would have to seek approval of the J.P's? Judge James stated no, it was for a bridge replacement costing around \$200,000 due to the disaster at the beginning of the year. He also states that it is a reimbursement grant. The Ordinance was approved and given. **No. O-2024-13.**
- B. NEXT: J.P. M. PHILIPS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO CREATE A PART-TIME POSITION AT VAN BUREN COUNTY SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING AND TO TRANSFER MONIES WITHIN THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BUDGET #3009-0700 TO COVER THE SALARY AND RELATED COSTS.** After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P M. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P D. Holcomb. Judge James asked for any discussion. He stated this person would be working in the Fairfield Bay area due to the volume increase. J.P. M. Philips read the ordinance for the 2nd & 3rd time by title only. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2024-14.**
- C. NEXT: J.P.J. BRADFORD READ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAN BUREN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO LOAN AGREEMENTS WITH THE FIRST SERVICE BANK OF CLINTON.** After reading the Resolution, 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 if First Service Bank was giving a better interest rate then John Deere? Judge James stated that First Service was giving a better rate. **No.R-2024-03.**

TRANSFERS: [None]

Judge James asked if anyone had questions, J.P B. Page asked how the storm shelter for solid waste management was coming along? Judge James said he called a place in Russellville and has not received a call back.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded by all.

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk