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The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, September 19th, 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, J. Bradford, M. Bradford, S. Brown, E. Bass, B. Page, and V. Lemings. Also in attendance were Attorney Carol Crews and Leigh Davis County Clerk Administrative Assistant.

Next: PRAYER: Given by V. Lemings

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all, led by Debbie Gray

Next: ROLL CALL: J.P D. Holcomb, M. Philips & County Clerk Pam Bradford were absent.

Next: AGENDA: J.P V. Lemings motioned to add Ordinance, seconded by J.P M. Bradford, all agreed.

Next: MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS: J.P N. Brown made a motion to accept minutes, Treasurer's Report, and Appropriation Analysis as printed, seconded by J.P M. Bradford. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none.

Next: COUNTY JUDGE'S COMMENTS: [None]

Next: COUNTY BOARDS/COMMITTEES ADDRESS THE COURT: J.P N. Brown discussed the budget committee. The first official meeting will be held September 30th at 6:00pm. That will cover county business that needs to be taken into consideration. Along with discussion of the proposal to sell building to the city. She also stated they would like to discuss some of the funds remaining, specifically, ARP and tribal. And planning how the budget process will go this year. Grant Summers spoke on behalf of the Fire Association, stating they have changed a few things this year. The Sheriffs office came to us this year to help with the Shop with a Cop. This year we have changed it to Van Buren County Holiday's with Hero's, which gets everyone involved. Judge James advised, the Fire Expo raised approximately \$11,000.

Next: ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS ADDRESS THE COURT:

Next: PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COURT: [None]

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NEXT: J. P V. LEMINGS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, O-2024-26 TO REESTABLISH THE PURPOSE FOR THE APPROPRIATION;** After the reading of the Ordinance J.P. V. Lemings made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. M. Bradford. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P V. Lemings asked if the roof repair had been completed? Judge James stated that it had not been completed, but it has gone through the bidding process, and they are just waiting for them to complete. J.P V. Lemings asked what other maintenance issues we had? Judge James stated we had another leak repair and air conditioner. Judge James asked for any more discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2024-32.**
- B. NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO CORRECT EXPENDITURES FROM THE LAW LIBRARY, TO TRANSFER MONIES FROM THE LIBRARY FUND #3008 TO THE LAW LIBRARY FUND #6009.** After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P M. Bradford. J. P V. Lemings asked if this was the monthly electric bill for the library? Library Director Deborah Meyer stated that the electric bill runs anywhere between \$1,500-\$1,800 a month. Judge James asked for any more discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2024-33.**
- C. NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VAN BUREN COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY.** After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P V. Lemings. J.P N. Brown questioned if the resource officers would be included into this? Sheriff Koonce stated they are technically Sheriff's Office deputies but paid by the schools. J.P V. Lemings stated if they are employees of the Sheriffs Department, it should cover the resource officers as well. J.P N. Brown stated if it were to be an issue it is emendable. Judge James asked for any more discussion on the amendment. There was none. Judge James stated since it had emergency clause, it goes into effect immediately. J.P N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P M. Bradford. Judge James asked for any discussion on the emergency clause. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2024-34.**
- D. NEXT: J.P. J. BRADFORD READ AN RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 1, VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS..** After reading the Resolution, J.P J. Bradford made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P M. Bradford. J.P E. Bass asked what the process was to go through getting a new JP? Judge James stated that the JP's are appointed by the governor, so this resolution has been ran as a legal ad through the paper the last 2 weeks leading up to today. The passage of this will be filed with the Van Buren County Clerk's office tomorrow and a copy will be sent to the governor's office. He also stated there is an online application if anyone is interested in filling this role, but you must live and be a resident of District 1. Judge James asked for

any other discussion. There was none. The Resolution was approved and given No. R-
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Judge James asked if anyone had questions? Judge James stated he had notified both political parties, so applications have been submitted.

A motion was made by J.P M. Bradford to adjourn, seconded by J.P V. Lemings.

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

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PAM BRADFORD
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Britta Rickett _____ D.C.