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**VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
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The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, October 17th, 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, M. Philips, J. Bradford, M. Bradford, S. Brown, E. Bass, B. Page, and V. Lemings. Also in attendance were Attorney Carol Crews and Pam Bradford Van Buren County Clerk.

Next: PRAYER: Given by Judge James

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all, led by Judge James

Next: ROLL CALL: All Present

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

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

Next: COUNTY JUDGE'S COMMENTS: [None]

Next: COUNTY BOARDS/COMMITTEES ADDRESS THE COURT:

Next: ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS ADDRESS THE COURT: J.P N. Brown stated the next Budget Meeting would be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm.

Next: PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COURT: Jesse Reynolds stated that Hope on the Mountain wants to launch a dream center in Clinton. They are currently holding a fundraiser to purchase a building that will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, they have raised \$25,000. Our vision is to team with individuals, businesses and ministries so that we can impact our county kids, serve all 3 school districts from our county seat.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NEXT: J. P M. BRADFORD READ ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE 1996-21, TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; After the reading of the Ordinance J.P. M. Bradford made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P. N. Brown.

J.P. M. Philips made a motion to acknowledge and approve the emergency clause on this ordinance, seconded by J.P N. Brown. Judge James stated this ordinance makes it very clean because it reestablishes the soil conservation voluntary tax, but removes the recycle tax. Judge James asked for any more discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given. **No. O-2024-35.**

- B. NEXT: J.P B. PAGE READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE \$461.07 INTO THE CIRCUIT CLERK BUDGET #1000-102-3009 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, FROM THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S RECORDERS COST FUND #3006-102-3009, TO REPLACE MONIES AND CORRECT MIS-CODING OF A BILL.** After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P B. Page made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P V. Lemings. Judge James asked for any more discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2024-36.**
- C. NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF CLINTON, TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P M. Bradford. J.P M. Philips made a motion to acknowledge and approve the emergency clause on this ordinance, seconded by J.P V. Lemings. All agreed. Judge James asked for any discussion on the emergency clause. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2024-37.**
- D. NEXT: J.P V. LEMINGS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #O-2023-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024, TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$1,152.32 INTO THE DISTRICT COURT AUTOMATION FUND #3003-409.** After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P V. Lemings 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. O-2024-38**
- E. NEXT: J.P J. BRADFORD READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE \$23.94 INTO THE COLLECTOR'S AUTOMATION FUND #3001-104 FROM THE VOTER REGISTRATION BUDGET #1000-121, TO REIMBURSE FOR POSTAGE.** After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P J. Bradford made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P B. Page. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2024-39**
- F. NEXT: J.P E. BASS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #O-2023-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024, TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$3,034.59 INTO THE VOTER REGISTRATION BUDGET #1000-121 AND \$18,480.14 INTO THE ELECTION COMMISSION BUDGET #1000-**

109. After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P. E. Bass made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P B. Page. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2024-40**

- G. NEXT: J.P. V. LEMINGS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$4,115.41 INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET #1000-400-2006, CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS.** After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P V. Lemings made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P M. Bradford. County Clerk Pam Bradford stated the company had shut down and the check wasn't cashed. Treasure Mistie Wilson stated they did write the check, but the sheriff's department did not cash it. Officer Ethan Ward stated they never received any of the products, in fact they didn't receive around \$10,000 worth of stuff. Judge James asked for any discussion. After a lengthy discussion. The Ordinance was approved and given **No. O-2024-41**
- H. NEXT: J.P. B. PAGE READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE \$663.13 INTO THE COUNTY ROAD BUDGET #2000-200-3009, OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, FROM THE SOLID WASTE FUND #3009-700-3009 AND \$1,025.00 INTO DISTRICT COURT AUTOMATION FUND #3003-409-2024 MAINTENANCE & SERVICE CONTRACTS, FROM THE TRIBAL FUND #1007-103-4004 DISTRICT COURT SERVER, TO CORRECT MIS-CODED CLAIMS/BILLS.** After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P B. Page made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P M. Bradford. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **No-O-2024-42**
- I. NEXT: J.P N. BROWN READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #O-2023-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024, TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$12,000.00 INTO FUND 1000-0122-3060 UTILITIES: ELECTRIC, AND \$1,000.00 INTO FUND 1000-0122-3062 UTILITIES: WATER.** After the reading of the Ordinance, J.P N. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P B. Page. Judge James stated the electric bills had went up by 42% from last year. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **No-O-2024-43**
- 1. NEXT: J.P M. PHILIPS READ A RESOLUTION DECLARING AND CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AND ENDORSMENT OF PALEO VALLEY, LLC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM AS AUTHORIZED BY ARKANSAS CODE 15-4-2706 (d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003.** After reading the Resolution, J.P M. Philips made a motion to adopt, seconded by J.P M. Bradford. Judge James asked for any other discussion. There was none. The Resolution was approved and given **No. R-2024-11**

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2. NEXT: J.P S. BROWN READ A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ~~THE WILLINGNESS~~ OF VAN BUREN COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT. Middle Fork Little Red River Bridge Improvements on River Road (Structure No. 20045) After reading the Resolution, J.P S. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by M. Philips. Judge James stated this is as signified in the resolution 90% Federal Share, 10% Local Share, of that local share 18% will be state money and 2% will be county state aid money. Judge James also stated this will be for a new bridge through the federal structure act. The value of that bridge is around 3 million dollars, it will be a very large, tall and 2 lane bridge. Judge James asked for any other discussion. There was none. The Resolution was approved and given No. R-2024-12

Judge James asked if anyone had questions? There was none.

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

**Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk**

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