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*Lemings
N Brown*

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, May 15th, 2025, 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, B. Roberson, M. Bradford, B. Page, E. Bass, V. Lemings and R. Mays. Also in attendance was Attorney Carol Crews and Leigh Davis County Clerk, Admin Assistant.

Next: PRAYER: Given by J.P. E. Bass

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all and led by J.P. B. Roberson.

Next: ROLL CALL: All present (J.P. #4 vacant)

Next: AGENDA. Judge James stated there was no changes on the agenda. Judge Jame asked for any discussion, there were none. J.P. M. Bradford made a motion to approve the agenda, second by J.P. N. Brown, the Agenda was unanimously approved.

Next: MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS: J.P. N. Brown made a motion to accept minutes, treasury report and appropriate analysis, seconded by J.P. V. Lemings. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none.

Next: COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT: [Attached]

Next: SHERIFF'S REPORT: (Attached)

Next: COUNTY JUDGE'S COMMENTS: The AAC Conference registration is May 21, 2025, beginning at 9AM. Everyone will have to book their own room. For reimbursement bring receipt, to the County Clerk's Office.

Next: COUNTY BOARDS/COMMITTEES ADDRESS THE COURT: there were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE:

- A. **NEXT: J.P. B. PAGE READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2024-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2025, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$7,190.97 INTO THE**

VARIOUS COUNTY PROJECTS BUDGET #1000-804. After reading the ordinance J.P. B. Page made a Motion to adopt, second by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. V. Lemings wanted to know if the Scotland Community Center stove had been repaired, J.P. B. Page stated that the stove had been repaired, but no bill had been presented. The Ordinance was approved and given. **NO. O-2025-17.**

B. NEXT: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2024-54 THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2025, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$5,803.00 INTO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS/DEPARTMENTS AND TO TRANSFER SAID AMOUNT INTO #1000-100-3001 ACCOUNTING/AUDITING. After reading 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. B. Page inquired about the budget it was from, L. Davis advised it was coded wrong and needed to be corrected. The ordinance was approved and given. **NO. O-2025-18.**

C. AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER \$2,456.65 INTO CERTAIN FUNDS DUE TO A REFUND FROM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHEILD FROM 2024. After reading the ordinance J.P. B. Roberson made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Second, by J.P. M. Bradford. The judge asked if there was any discussion. J.P. B. Page inquired how the funds are dispersed, L. Davis stated, Sunny with Scarberry agency sent information. The ordinance was approved and given. **NO. O-2025-19.**

D. AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE \$1,597.35 INTO THE COLLECTOR'S AUTOMATION FUND FROM THE VOTER REGISTRATION BUDGET. After reading the Ordinance, J.P. E. Bass made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Second by J.P. N. Brown. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none. The Ordinance was approved and given. **NO. O-2025-20.**

RESOLUTION:

1. NEXT: A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD. After reading the resolution by title only, J.P. B. Page made a motion to adopt, second by J.P. N. Brown. Assessor E. Smiley advised Olas Allen, appointed by County Judge and Stephen Matt Gilmore, appointed by the city, were re-appointed Equalization Board members. There were no other discussions. The resolution was approved by all and given **NO. R-2025-05**

2. **NEXT: J.P. N. BROWN READ A RESOLUTION, APPROVING THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT FOR VAN BUREN COUNTY.** After reading the resolution J.P. N. Brown made a motion to adopt, second by J.P. M. Bradford. Judge James congratulated everyone on a successful audit. Judge asked for discussion, there was none. The resolution was approved and given **NO. R-2025-06**

TRANSFER: there was none.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded by all.

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk



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Incidents Created From: 01-Apr-25 00:00:00 To: 30-Apr-25 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	5
VAN BUREN CO SO	ACIC	ACIC QUERY	85
VAN BUREN CO SO	ANML	ANIMAL	19
VAN BUREN CO SO	ASSIST	ASSIST AGENCY	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	COMPLAINT	COMPLAINT	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	COURT	COURT	8
VAN BUREN CO SO	EXTRA PATROL	EXTRA PATROL	23
VAN BUREN CO SO	FG	GRASS FIRE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	FPS	FIRE PUBLIC SERVICE	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	FS	STRUCTURE FIRE	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	FV	VEHICLE FIRE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	INFO	INFORMATION ONLY	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	LAW ALARM	LAW ALARM	13
VAN BUREN CO SO	LFTAST	LIFT ASSIST	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	LPS	LAW PUBLIC SERVICE	41
VAN BUREN CO SO	MED	EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	8
VAN BUREN CO SO	MOTORIST ASSIST	MOTORIST ASSIST	6
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	14
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA ENTRAP	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH ENTRAPMENT	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	PD	POLICE	187
VAN BUREN CO SO	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	11
VAN BUREN CO SO	PROPERTY CHECK	PROPERTY CHECK	9
VAN BUREN CO SO	PS	PUBLIC SERVICE	9
VAN BUREN CO SO	REPORT	REPORT	39
VAN BUREN CO SO	RUNAWAY	RUNAWAY	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	STOLEN VEHICLE	STOLEN VEHICLE	6
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUICIDE THREAT	SUICIDE THREAT	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	7

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Detention Statistics from 4/1/2025 to 4/30/2025

Agency	Booked				Released				Transferred			
	Male	Female	Unk	Total	Male	Female	Unk	Total	Male	Female	Unk	Total
Van Buren County Sheriffs Office	54	22	1	77	53	18	1	72	1	3	0	4
Fairfield Bay Police Department	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1
Us Marshalls Office	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Stone County	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals:	57	22	1	80	58	18	1	77	2	3	0	5

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COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

May, 2025

New this month:

Working on the basics. Grading, ditching, mowing, crushing, and delivering.

The Rabbit Ridge Crossing Project has begun.

The Oyler Road Project is still in progress.

MAINTENANCE:

Quarry operations at full capacity.

Working May as a Safety Month. Checking all gas cans, fire extinguishers, canisters, etc. to make sure we are complying with AOSH (Arkansas Occupational Safety and Health) Standards.

GRANT PROJECTS:

The Rabbit Ridge/Bricky Road low water crossing grant has been approved. The total value of this grant is just under \$1,000,000.00

Work is proceeding on the Oyler Road Grant. Base is still being applied for the grant to come behind us and pave as far as the grant funds will take the asphalt. The award to the county is \$500,000.00 with VBC providing match in the form of base rock, equipment, labor and gravel. Total project value is \$1,500,000.00.

Lake Cliff Road Bridge Project – Federal Grant application submitted and looks promising. Total price tag of approx. \$1 million. The feasibility study has been ordered.

Scotland Bridge Project - – UPDATE – WE RECEIVED WORD THAT A FEASIBILITY STUDY HAS BEEN ORDERED. 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. \$1.5 million.

The Federal Infrastructure Program appears to have some extra money in it so I have applied for an off program grant to build a new bridge at Shirley which would be constructed parallel to the current historic Shirley Train Bridge. Contrary to popular rumor, the county IS NOT entertaining even the thought of removing the historic structure. Traffic would move to the new structure and the old structure would remain in place for the historic value, pictures, etc. The value of this proposal is approximately \$2.5 million. The feasibility study has been ordered.

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VAN BUREN County, AR

Sheryl Puckett D.C.

FEMA reimbursement for the declared disaster – Reimbursements can take a very long time to receive. I hope to receive \$150,000 - \$175,000. Governor Sanders approved the disaster on May 9, 2024 and VBC is listed as an approved county. After submitting all the required paperwork, we received a book for each impacted road to be completed. We are still waiting for the reimbursement.