

Motion-2 Roberson  
2nd-Bradford

**VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**June 19, 2025**

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, June 19th, 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 in attendance were Justice of the Peace N. Brown, S. Brown, B. Roberson, M. Bradford, B. Page, V. Lemings and R. Mays. Pam Bradford County Clerk and Carol Crews, Attorney.

Passed in  
MINUTES Book  
07/18/2025 09:14 AM  
PAM BRADFORD  
County Clerk  
VAN BUREN County, AR

**Next: CALL TO ORDER**

**Next: PRAYER:** Given by M. Bradford

**Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited by all and led by Paul Wellenberger

**Next: ROLL CALL:** Not present E. Bass

**Next: AGENDA.** A motion was made by S. Brown and seconded by N. Brown to approve the agenda with the change of the Ordinance, all in favor.

**Next: MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS:** A motion was made by V. Lemings to approve the minutes, treasures report, as well as the Appropriation Analysis Report, seconded by N. Brown. Judge James asked for any comments. There were none.

**Next: COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT:** [Attached]

**Next: SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Attached.

**Next: COUNTY JUDGE'S COMMENTS:** Welcomed Governor appointed Paul Wellenberger to the position of J.P. #4

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE:**

- A. **NEXT: J.P. B. PAGE READ AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2024-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2025, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$7,190.98 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. M. Bradford. Judge James asked for any discussion. There was none. The Ordinance was approved and given. **NO. O-2025-21**

- B. NEXT: J.P. B. PAGE READ AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2024-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2025, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$12,000.00 INTO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET # 1000-400.** After reading the ordinance J.P. B. Page made a motion to adopt, second by J.P. M. Bradford. Judge James asked for any discussion. J.P. S. Brown inquired if taxes would be covered, County Clerk P. Brandford advised they would be. The Ordinance was approved and given. **NO. O-2025-22**

**RESOLUTION:**

- 1. NEXT: R. MAYS READ A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD.** After reading the resolution, R. Mays made a motion to adopt the resolution, second by J.P. N. Brown. The resolution was approved by all and given **NO. R-2025-07**
- 2. NEXT: V. LEMINGS READ A RESOLUTION, BY TITLE ONLY, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAN BUREN COUNTY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT TO IMPROVE THE ALREAD PARK.** After reading the resolution, by title only, V. Lemings made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by J.P. B. Roberson. The resolution was approved by all and given **NO. R-2025-08**

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded by all.

**Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk**

## COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

June, 2025

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### 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.

We are applying for a grant for a new cone-style crusher. This is a heavy lift and the odds are against us, but we are going to try! The total grant ask will be approx. \$1.5 million.

### 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.

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



# Type Total Report

Print Date: 01-Jun-25  
Print Time: 01:00:14  
User Name: jwells

Incidents Created From: 01-May-25 00:00:00 To: 31-May-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	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	ACIC	ACIC QUERY	105
VAN BUREN CO SO	ANML	ANIMAL	25
VAN BUREN CO SO	COURT	COURT	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	EXTRA PATROL	EXTRA PATROL	41
VAN BUREN CO SO	FPS	FIRE PUBLIC SERVICE	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	INFO	INFORMATION ONLY	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	LAW ALARM	LAW ALARM	13
VAN BUREN CO SO	LPS	LAW PUBLIC SERVICE	43
VAN BUREN CO SO	MED	EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	MISSING PERSON	MISSING PERSON	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	MOTORIST ASSIST	MOTORIST ASSIST	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	16
VAN BUREN CO SO	PD	POLICE	178
VAN BUREN CO SO	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	5
VAN BUREN CO SO	PROPERTY CHECK	PROPERTY CHECK	11
VAN BUREN CO SO	PROWLER	PROWLER	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	PS	PUBLIC SERVICE	9
VAN BUREN CO SO	REPORT	REPORT	22
VAN BUREN CO SO	RUNAWAY	RUNAWAY	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	SEXUAL ASSULT	SEXUAL ASSULT/ RAPE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	SHOTS FIRED	SHOTS FIRED	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUICIDE THREAT	SUICIDE THREAT	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	11
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	THEFT OF PROPERTY	THEFT OF PROPERTY	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRAN	TRANSFER/TRANSPORT	39
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRF	TRAFFIC CONTROL	2

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Community: All

Unit Org	Event	Event Description	Type Count
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRFC	TRAFFIC RECKLESS DRIVER	8
VAN BUREN CO SO	TS	TRAFFIC STOP	376
VAN BUREN CO SO	UNATTENDED DEATH	UNATTENDED DEATH	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	VERBAL DOMESTIC	VERBAL DOMESTIC	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	WARRANT	WARRANT SERVICE	40
VAN BUREN CO SO	WATER RESCUE	WATER RESCUE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	WELFARE CHECK	WELFARE CHECK	25
Type Count -VAN BUREN CO SO:			1019

Total Incidents: 1019



**VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF**  
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**Sheriff Eric Koonce**

P.O. Box 451  
Clinton, Arkansas 72031  
Telephone: 501-745-3838  
Fax: 501-745-4898

**76 Total Incident Reports for May 2025**

**Misdemeanor:**

Drug Violations - 5

Personal - 10

Property - 8

**Felony:**

Drug Violations - 6

Personal - 12

Property - 4

CID Call Outs - 2

Search Warrants - 1

Felony Affidavits - 7

# Detention Statistics from 5/1/2025 to 5/31/2025

Agency	Booked				Released				Transferred			
	Male	Female	Unk	Total	Male	Female	Unk	Total	Male	Female	Unk	Total
Van Buren County Sheriffs Office	66	15	0	81	63	10	0	73	0	0	0	0
Fairfield Bay Police Department	6	0	0	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Clinton Police Department	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Arkansas State Police	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Arkansas Department Of Corrections	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Us Marshalls Office	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals:	75	15	0	90	70	10	0	80	0	0	0	0

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I certify that this instrument was  
 filed on 07/18/2025 09:14 AM  
 and recorded in  
 MINUTES Book 2025  
 PAM BRADFORD  
 County Clerk  
 VAN BUREN County, AR  
Sherry Packard D.C.