

*Motion N. Brown
2nd - Bradford*

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT

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The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, October 16, 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, R. Mays, E. Bass, P. Wellenberger, Pam Bradford County Clerk, and Carol Crews, Attorney also attended.

Next: CALL TO ORDER

Next: PRAYER: Given by J.P. M. Bradford

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all. Led by 4-H Students

Next: ROLL CALL: All present

Next: AGENDA. Judge James asked for a motion to add a late ordinance to the agenda that was sponsored by J.P. B. Roberson. A motion was made by J.P. M. Bradford and seconded by J.P. B. Page to add the additional ordinance and to approve the agenda with changes. All agreed.

Next: MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS: A motion was made by J.P. N. Brown and seconded by J.P. M. Bradford to approve the Minutes, Treasures' report, as well as the Appropriation Analysis Report, all in favor. 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: NONE

Next: COUNTY BOARDS/COMMITTEES ADDRESS THE COURT: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE:

- A. NEXT: J.P. V. LEMINGS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2025-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2025, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM SALES-TAX

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Sheriff Puckett D.C.

Detention Statistics from 9/1/2025 to 9/30/2025

Agency	Booked			Released			Transferred				
	Male	Female	Unk	Total	Male	Female	Unk	Male	Female	Unk	Total
Van Buren County Sheriffs Office	30	13	3	46	29	15	3	47	2	0	2
Clinton Police Department	5	0	0	5	4	0	0	4	0	0	0
Fairfield Bay Police Department	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	0
Us Marshalls Office	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Arkansas State Police	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Arkansas Community Corrections	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	39	16	3	58	37	18	3	58	2	0	2

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Incidents Created From: 01-Sep-25 00:00:00 To: 30-Sep-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	TRAN	TRANSFER/TRANSPORT	45
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRF	TRAFFIC CONTROL	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRFC	TRAFFIC RECKLESS DRIVER	11
VAN BUREN CO SO	TS	TRAFFIC STOP	133
VAN BUREN CO SO	VERBAL DOMESTIC	VERBAL DOMESTIC	6
VAN BUREN CO SO	WARRANT	WARRANT SERVICE	35
VAN BUREN CO SO	WELFARE CHECK	WELFARE CHECK	16
VAN BUREN CO SO	WOODS	FIRE IN WOODS	1
Type Count -VAN BUREN CO SO:			737

Total Incidents: 737

TO THE APPROPRIATE BUDGETS After reading the ordinance J.P. V. Lemings made a motion to adopt, second by J.P. B. Roberson. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **NO. O-2025-37**

- B. NEXT: J.P. B. PAGE READ AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE #0-2023-21 CONCERNING THE NORMAL WORK PERIOD OR LAW ENFORCEMENT, TO ADD DETENTION OFFICERS AND TO CHANGE THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.** 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-2025-38**. Judge James addressed the emergency clause, explaining the emergency clause will allow the ordinance to take effect immediately upon passage.
- C. NEXT: J.P. B. ROBERSON READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #O-2024-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2025, TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$25,000.00 INTO THE VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET #1000-400.** After reading the ordinance J.P. B. Roberson made a motion to adopt, second by J.P. B. Page. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none. The Ordinance was adopted given **NO. O-2025-39**.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded by all.

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

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COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

October, 2025

New this month:

We are still waiting for the arch-top structures for the Rabbit Ridge Road Project. Steel tariffs created a higher demand on domestic production which delayed the manufacturing process for our materials.

We received word that funding will be available to resurface Banner Mountain Road next year on the back half of the year. Funding releases July 1, 2026. The bidding process will be conducted through ARDOT on our behalf. The road will receive an asphalt overlay.

We replaced a failing bridge on Flora Road in Scotland with 60" pipes. Pipes can carry the water and provide a more stable surface in the long term.

Grading, ditching, mowing, and crushing are still occurring routinely.

MAINTENANCE:

Repair work is occurring at a regular pace.

GRANT PROJECTS:

The Rabbit Ridge Grant (\$1 million approx.) is underway with reporting and permitting. The requirements and permitting for working in or around a stream are quite extensive. This grant was applied for and all the permitting and follow-up reporting is being conducted in-house by the County Judge.

The Oyler Road Project has been bid out and we are waiting on the contractor to complete the work. 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 – We received word that the Scotland Bridge Project was **declined**.

Archey Road Bridge Project – State and Federal Aid funded, County pays 2%. Total price tag of approx. \$1.5 million.

The Feasibility Study has begun on the Shirley Bridge Grant. The value of the new bridge will be approx. \$3 million.

We received the reimbursement from the January 2024 disaster. Even though the county spent well in excess of \$600,000.00 our check was for \$186,000.00.