

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
November 20, 2025

The Van Buren County Court met Thursday, November 20, 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 S. Brown, B. Roberson, M. Bradford, B. Page, V. Lemings, R. Mays, P. Wellenberger, Pam Bradford County Clerk, and Carol Crews, Attorney also attended.

Next: CALL TO ORDER

Next: PRAYER: Given by J.P.B. Roberson

Next: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all. Led by E. Smiley

Next: ROLL CALL: All present with the exception of J.P. N. Brown and J.P. E. Bass

Next: AGENDA. Judge James asked for a motion to add an appropriation ordinance to the agenda sponsored by J.P. S. Brown. A motion was made by J.P. B. Roberson, second by J.P. M. Bradford to add the additional ordinance, all in favor. Judge James asked for comments, there were none. Judge James entertained a motion to run the Tax Levy Millage Ordinance by Title only. A motion was made by J.P. P. Wellenberger, seconded by J. P. M. Bradford, all in favor. Judge James asked for discussion, there was none. A motion was made by J.P. P. Wellenberger, seconded by J.P. V. Lemings to approve the changes collectively.

Next: MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS: A motion was made by J.P. S. 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 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: J. Matthews spoke briefly regarding hand-counting ballots

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE:

- A. NEXT: ATTORNEY CAROL CREWS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$48,000.00 INTO THE SOLID WASTE BUDGET FUND #3009-700-999** After reading the ordinance J.P. S. Brown 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-2025-40**
- B. NEXT: J.P. R. MAYS READ AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #0-2024-54, THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2025, TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$32,611.30 INTO THE SENIOR CENTER AEDC GRANT FUND #3513-103.** A motion was made by J.P. M. Bradford and second by J.P. V. Lemings. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none. The Ordinance was approved and given **NO. O-2025-41**
- C. NEXT: J.P. B. ROBERSON READ AN ORDINANCE, BY TITLE ONLY, LEVYING AND APPROVING THE COLLECTION FOR THE YEAR 2025 THE VARIOUS PROPERTY TAXES HERETO IMPOSED IN VAN BUREN COUNTY.** After reading the ordinance, by title only, J.P. B. Roberson made a motion to adopt, second by J.P. S. Brown. After establishing there were no millage changes, Judge James asked for any further discussion, there was none. The Ordinance was adopted given **NO. O-2025-42.** Judge James addressed the emergency clause, explaining the statutory requirements. This emergency clause will allow the ordinance to take effect immediately upon passage. All were in favor of the emergency clause.
- D. NEXT: J.P. S. BROWN READ AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE \$133,7000.00 INTO THE HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND #3408.** After reading the ordinance J.P. S. Brown made a motion to adopt, second by J.P. B. Roberson. Judge James asked for any discussion, there was none. The Ordinance was approved given **NO. O-2025-43.**

There were no public comments.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded by all.

Pam Bradford, Van Buren County Clerk

COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

November, 2025

New this month:

We are STILL waiting for the arch-top structures for the Rabbit Ridge Road Project. This whole project is moving at the federal government's pace. We have finally received approval to move forward from DEQ with approved sediment mitigation measures and an approved 401 application.

We received word that funding will be available to resurface Banner Mountain Road next year. Bids will be let in January.

We resurfaced over the places dug out on Dodd Mountain. We had to allow ample time for the patches to settle before completing the final surface.

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

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. Please note the information above under "New This Month."

The Oyler Road Project was let out for bid but no paving contractor could commit to 2025. The project will carry forward until 2026 with asphalt expected to be applied in the Spring. 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.

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 applied for a CAG Grant through AEDC for a new cone-style crusher (value of \$750,000). This is a very competitive grant and we applied knowing the odds were stacked against us. The program has a \$15 million payout with over \$300 million in requests. Even though this is one of the most competitive grants, we have a very compelling narrative.

These grant funded projects alone total \$8.75 million for VBC in addition to the \$1 million dollar resurface project for Banner Mountain Road.



VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF

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89 Total Incident Reports for October 2025

Misdemeanor:

Drug Violations - 8

Personal - 20

Property - 13

Felony:

Drug Violations - 0

Personal - 11

Property - 11

CID Call Outs - 3

Search Warrants - 2

Felony Affidavits - 4

Detention Statistics from 10/1/2025 to 10/31/2025

Agency	Booked				Released				Transferred			
	Male	Female	Unk	Total	Male	Female	Unk	Total	Male	Female	Unk	Total
Van Buren County Sheriffs Office	43	18	2	63	45	14	2	61	0	0	0	0
Clinton Police Department	5	2	0	7	7	2	0	9	0	0	0	0
Arkansas Department Of Corrections	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0
Arkansas Community Corrections	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Arkansas State Police	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Fairfield Bay Police Department	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Us Marshalls Office	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Arkansas Probation And Parole	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	50	21	2	73	60	18	2	80	0	0	0	0



Type Total Report

Print Date: 01-Nov-25
Print Time: 01:00:13
User Name: jwells

Incident(s) Created From: 01-Oct-25 00:00:00 To: 31-Oct-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	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	ACIC	ACIC QUERY	130
VAN BUREN CO SO	ANML	ANIMAL	27
VAN BUREN CO SO	ASSAULT	ASSAULT	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	ASSIST	ASSIST AGENCY	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	COURT	COURT	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	DISTURBANCE	DISTURBANCE	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	EXTRA PATROL	EXTRA PATROL	68
VAN BUREN CO SO	FG	GRASS FIRE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	FV	VEHICLE FIRE	3
VAN BUREN CO SO	INFO	INFORMATION ONLY	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	LAW ALARM	LAW ALARM	17
VAN BUREN CO SO	LPS	LAW PUBLIC SERVICE	41
VAN BUREN CO SO	MED	EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	5
VAN BUREN CO SO	MOTORIST ASSIST	MOTORIST ASSIST	8
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	27
VAN BUREN CO SO	MVA ENTRAP	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH ENTRAPMENT	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	PD	POLICE	208
VAN BUREN CO SO	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	4
VAN BUREN CO SO	PROPERTY CHECK	PROPERTY CHECK	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	PROPERTY DAMAGE	PROPERTY DAMAGE	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	PROWLER	PROWLER	1
VAN BUREN CO SO	PS	PUBLIC SERVICE	8
VAN BUREN CO SO	REPORT	REPORT	21
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	THEFT OF PROPERTY	THEFT OF PROPERTY	7
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRAN	TRANSFER/TRANSPORT	59
VAN BUREN CO SO	TRFC	TRAFFIC RECKLESS DRIVER	11



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Unit Org	Event	Event Description	Type Count
VAN BUREN CO SO	TS	TRAFFIC STOP	185
VAN BUREN CO SO	UNATTENDED DEATH	UNATTENDED DEATH	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	VERBAL DOMESTIC	VERBAL DOMESTIC	2
VAN BUREN CO SO	WARRANT	WARRANT SERVICE	43
VAN BUREN CO SO	WELFARE CHECK	WELFARE CHECK	24

Type Count -VAN BUREN CO SO: 923

Total Incidents: 923