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VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT ORDINANCE NO. 2016-51

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF VAN PER RENE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

County Clerk

VAN BUREN County, AR

AN ORDINANCE TO CEASE COUNTY FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE VAN BUREN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER DUE TO LACK OF FINANCES.

WHEREAS: Van Buren County entered into an agreement with the City of Clinton on September 19, 2003, by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Mayor and the County Judge, to share expenses and ownership equally (50/50) of the Animal Control Shelter; and

WHEREAS: A Resolution was also passed by the City of Clinton #2003-12 on September 11, 2003 to allow the Mayor to enter the agreement with the County Judge; and

WHEREAS: The City of Clinton has only contributed \$20,000 each year and in 2017 Budget will contribute \$35,000. Plus, in the future, will agree to pay expense percentage of animal pick-up by the Animal Control Officer (ACO); and

WHEREAS: The, cost of the Shelter has continuously risen each year since the opening of the shelter from \$39,126.37 in 2003 to \$153,854.41 in 2015. The County can no longer afford to support the Shelter in the current capacity without the City of Clinton's equal support.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Van Buren County will cease administering, operating and funding the Van Buren County Animal Control Shelter as of the close of business June 30, 2017; and

Van Buren County will seek an appropriate private individual or organization to administer, operate and fund the Van Buren County Animal Control Shelter after County-funded operations cease on June 30, 2017 and will fund that organization \$15,000 for the period of July thru December 2017; and

Any animals that are remaining at the shelter by June 30, 2017 shall be turned over to the private individual or organization selected to take over the shelter; and

Van Buren County Quorum Court Ordinance 2015-08 is repealed effective June 30, 2017, and the Van Buren County Animal Control Shelter Administrative Board shall be disbanded and relieved of any further responsibility or duties with respect the operation of the shelter; and

All other ordinances of this County that conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Approved this 15th Day of December 2016.

ATTEST:

Pam Bradford, County-Clerk

APPROVED:

Roger/Mooper, County

CERTIFICATE STATE OF ARKANSAS

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