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VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURTAGE 11

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2018- ORDINANCE BOOK

01/19/2018 08:35 AM PAM BRADFORD

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SELECTING A COUNTY CIVIL ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS, IN PENDING CIVIL LITIGATION, CREATING A LINE ITEM FOR FUNDING SAID ATTORNEY, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 16-21-114(a), a county civil attorney may be selected pursuant to ordinance of the Quorum Court for the county; and

WHEREAS: A civil lawsuit has been filed by SWN Production Company (Arkansas), LLC against Van Buren County, Arkansas, County Judge Roger Hooper, County Assessor Trina Jones County Treasurer Kim Hunley, County Tax Collector Lisa Nunley and the Van Buren County Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary to select a county civil attorney to provide representation of the County and its officers in the above referenced matter and provide funds for the payment of said attorney; and

WHEREAS: the above referenced matter concerns the assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes and all attorney's fees incurred therefore are subject to reimbursement by all municipalities, school districts and other local taxing units receiving ad valorem or other tax funds collected by the County Collector pursuant Arkansas Code Annotated § 16-21-114(f).

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT THAT:

SECTION 1. Eddie Morgan of the Morgan Law Firm, P.A. is selected to represent Van Buren County, Arkansas, County Judge Roger Hooper, County Assessor Trina Jones County Treasurer Kim Hunley, County Tax Collector Lisa Nunley and the Van Buren County Board of Equalization in the civil lawsuit filed by SWN Production Company (Arkansas), LLC, Case Number 71CV-17-251 in the Circuit Court of Van Buren County, Arkansas.

SECTION 2. There is hereby created a County Attorney's Department, line item #1000-0430-3005 – Special Legal for the payment of all legal costs incurred in the above referenced matter.

SECTION 3. The County Attorney's Fund shall be administered in the same manner as the county assessor's fund established in Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-15-204.

SECTION 4. This ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, it is therefore declared that an emergency exists and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Approved this 18th day of January, 2018

APPROVED:

Roger Hooper, County Judge

ATTEST:

Pam Bradford County Clerk

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I certify that this instrument was filed on 01/19/2018 08:35 AM and recorded in ORDINANCE Blook 2018 PAM BRADFORD County Clerk VAN BUREN County, AR

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