

**MINUTES OF THE VAN BUREN COUNTY COMMISSION  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

The Van Buren County Commission met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Buren County Administrative Facility & Justice Center. The following action was taken as recorded in Minute Book, "S".

**Call to Order**

Chairman Joey Grissom called the Meeting to Order. **(This meeting was conducted through Zoom due to Covid-19)**

**Roll Call**

Members present: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle. Present Via-Zoom: Terry Hickey. Michael Woodlee was absent.

Also present: County Attorney Howard Upchurch, County Mayor Greg Wilson, County Clerk Lisa Rigsby and Jay Williams with Zoom.

**Mayor Greg Wilson led us in prayer.**

**Approval of February 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by Robert Van Winkle to approve the February 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes. **(Terry Hickey's call drop through Zoom)**

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

**Committee A  
March 3, 2021**

**Roll Call:**

Members present: David Chandler, Henry Seamons, Mickey Robinson, Robert Van Winkle and Will Maxwell. Also, Mayor Greg Wilson, Finance Director Jessica Grissom, Sheriff Eddie Carter, and EMS Director Tiwana Bricker.

**(This meeting was conducted through conference call due to Covid-19)**

**Budget Amendments**

Three budget amendment Resolutions were presented for approval. (see attached)

Motion was made by Mr. Chandler to approve the amendments for Commission review  
Seconded by Mr. Robinson. All Voted Yes.

**Surplus weapons from Sheriff's Department**

A list of weapon's from the Sheriff's Department was presented for surplus some County owned and some court awarded. These will be traded in to offset the cost of some new equipment. Mr. Robinson made motion to send to full Commission seconded by Mr. Chandler. All Voted Yes.

### **2021/2022 Budget hearings**

Solid waste and EMS were discussed for the upcoming budget cycle.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Mr. Chandler to Adjourn and seconded by Mr. Seamons.

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**William Maxwell brought forward action that needs to be taken from the Full Commission from the Committee A Meeting on March 3, 2021.**

### **Budget Amendments (Fund 101, Fund 116, and fund 118)**

Committee A brought forward Budget Amendments that need approval from the full Commission. William Maxwell made a motion, second by David Chandler to approve all Budget Amendments presented.

Upon roll: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed. **Budget Resolutions as following:**

Resolution # 441

To the Van Buren Commission meeting in regular session this 16th day of March 2021:

Whereas, it appears there will be budget overruns in various department expenditures in the General Government operations.

Therefore, be it resolved that the following budget amendments be adopted by the Van Buren County Commission.

Van Buren Co. Executive		General Fund		3/16/2021	
2020-2021 Budget Amendments		Fund 101			
Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
51100	191	Commission			\$ 3,900.00
	201	Social Security			\$ 150.00
	309	Contracts with	(Grant line Item)	\$ 4,050.00	
39000		Fund Balance		\$ -	
			Total	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 4,050.00

**Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
County Commissioner

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Resolution # 442

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Therefore, be it resolved that the following budget amendments be adopted by the Van Buren County Commission.

Van Buren Co. Executive		Solid Waste		3/16/2021	
2020-2021 Budget Amendments		Fund 116			
Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
55731	147	Truck Drivers			\$ 4,300.00
	201	Social Security			\$ 200.00
	210	Unemployment		\$ 200.00	
	336	Maintenance truck			\$ 4,000.00
55732	212	Medicare			\$ 50.00
	399	Other Contracted Services	This is the truck lease at \$4000 and Southern Central at \$14,000		\$ 70,000.00
39000		Fund Balance		\$ 78,350.00	
			Total	\$ 78,550.00	\$ 78,550.00

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Commissioner

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Resolution # 443

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Therefore, be it resolved that the following budget amendments be adopted by the Van Buren County Commission.

Van Buren Co. Executive		Solid Waste		3/16/2021	
2020-2021 Budget Amendments		Fund 116			
Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
40162		Payments in lieu of taxes	local utilites	\$ 1,400.00	
43116		Tire Tax-Waste Tire Disposal		\$ 1,400.00	
44145		Sale of Recycle Material		\$ 2,400.00	
44530		Sale of Equipment		\$ 1,000.00	
46990		Other state Revenues		\$ 25,000.00	
39000		Fund Balance			\$ 31,200.00
			Total	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 31,200.00

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Commissioner Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Resolution # 444

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Whereas, it appears there will be budget overruns in various department expenditures in the General Government operations.

Therefore, be it resolved that the following budget amendments be adopted by the Van Buren County Commission.

**Van Buren Co. Executive                      Ambulance Service**  
**2020-2021 Budget Amendments          Fund 118**                      3/16/2021

Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
55130	131	Medical Personnel			\$ 46,000.00
	187	Overtime			\$ 9,700.00
	201	Social Security			\$ 2,000.00
	204	Retirement			\$ 750.00
	212	Medicare			\$ 500.00
	735	Health Equipment		\$ 750.00	
	790	Other Equipment		\$ 500.00	
39000		Fund Balance		\$ 58,700.00	
			Total	\$ 59,950.00	\$ 58,950.00

**Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
County Commissioner

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Resolution # 445

To the Van Buren Commission meeting in regular session this 16th day of March 2021:

Whereas, it appears there will be budget overruns in various department expenditures in the General Government operations.

Therefore, be it resolved that the following budget amendments be adopted by the Van Buren County Commission.

**Van Buren Co. Executive                      Ambulance Service**  
**2020-2021 Budget Amendments          Fund 118**                      3/16/2021

Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
46855		Payments in Lieu of taxes	local utilites	\$ 14,189.53	
39000		Fund Balance			\$ 14,189.53
			Total	\$ 14,189.53	\$ 14,189.53

**Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
County Commissioner

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

## Surplus Weapons from Sheriff's Department

The Sheriff's Department had sent a list to Committee A to surplus some County owned and some Court awarded weapons. These will be traded in to offset the cost of some new equipment. William Maxwell made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to accept this list as presented for surplus weapons.

Upon roll: Upon roll: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed. **Surplus weapon list as following:**

### VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT

#### VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTAL HANDGUNS

- 1 Glock MDL 22 semi auto .40 cal #KEZ770
- 2 Glock MDL 22 semi auto .40 cal #KDN038
- 3 Glock MDL 22 semi auto .40 cal #KEY209
- 4 Glock MDL 22 semi auto .40 cal #KDN037
- 5 Glock MDL 22 semi auto .40 cal #KEY208
- 6 Glock MDL 22 semi auto .40 cal #KEZ772
- 7 Glock MDL 22 semi auto .40 cal #KDN021
- 8 Glock MDL 27 semi auto .40 cal #SRR469
- 9 S&W MDL 5906 semi auto 9mm #VBA2777
- 10 S&W MDL 5906 semi auto 9mm #VAD9375

#### CONFISCATED      Court awarded

- 11 Sig Saurer Black Ops Tactical Assault CXV w/ rifle #0480 case & scope
- 12 Yankee Hill Machine Black Suppressor Phantom mdl 308 #Y13051
- 13 S&W .22 cal pistol # UAV6626 (18-4611)
- 14 Ruger LC9s 9mm #327-48352 (19-0354)
- 15 Astra Mod A-100 9mm lugar pistol #2694E (17-5129)
- 16 S&W .38 spc pistol #44139 (16-1193)
- 17 Keltect .380 #J9616
- 18 Rossi Taurus .38 spc #IS30971
- 19 Ruger Spc 101 .357 #576-25909
- 20 High Point .380 CF380 #P791773
- 21 Ruger .22 rifle w/scope #355-15957 w/camo tape (18-5010)
- 22 Remington L11 .12 ga shot gun #244874 (29-5452)
- 23 New England Sawed off .12 ga shot gun #NW348185 (18-4337)
- 24 Conn Valley Arms Blk rifle #61-13-132901
- 25 Rohm Santheum/Brenz RG 15 cal #22SLLR derringer
- 26 Rock Island Arms .38 cal mdl 206 blk pistol w/laser #RIA1983033

The sheriffs department is requesting the sale of surplus departmental weapons listed 1-10 .  
Weapons listed 11-26 are confiscated and or court awarded weapons.  
The sale of these weapons will help offset the purchase of armor vest for the department,  
and will not put a financial burden on the county



**Notary Approval for Carolyn Delong**

Bill Mosley made a motion, second by Brian Simmons to approve the Notary for Carolyn Delong.

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

**Notary Approval for Rebecca Grissom**

William Maxwell made a motion, second by Brian Simmons to approve the Notary for Rebecca Grissom.

Upon roll call: David Chandler, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. Joey Grissom abstained. No changes to any yes vote. 7-Yes votes, 1-abstained. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Committee B Meeting**

Mayor Wilson wanted to set up a Committee B Meeting for March 31, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the Administrative Building. All agreed.

**Van Buren County Beer Board Re-appointments**

Commissioners William Maxwell and Henry Seamons came up for re-appointment for the Beer Board. David Chandler made a motion, second by Brian Simmons to re-appoint William Maxwell and Henry Seamons to the Beer Board

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, Bill Mosley, Mickey Robinson, Brian Simmons, and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. William Maxwell and Henry Seamons abstained. 6-Yes votes, 2-abstained. Motion passed.

**Beer Board Appointment**

Mayor Wilson explained that Johnny Guy had resigned from the Beer Board March 16, 2021 and he nominated Mickey Robinson to take his place. William Maxwell made a motion, second by David Chandler to place Mickey Robinson to the Beer Board.

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. Mickey Robinson abstained. 7-Yes votes, 1-abstained. Motion passed. **Beer Board as following and 2yr. terms, for the record:**

- David Chandler (term ends) 8-2021
- Henry Seamons 8-2022, Vice-Chairman
- Mickey Robinson 8-2021
- Stephen Walling 8-2021
- William Maxwell 8-2022, Chairman

### **General Session Judge**

County Attorney Howard Upchurch addressed the Full Commission about the Annual Base Salary for the General Session Judge if the Full Commission favors Van Buren County electing their own. Mr. Upchurch stated, "There have been some questions concerning the compensation and Van Buren County's obligation to Fund the new General Sessions Judge position if in fact the General Assembly elects to separate the Judicial District of Van Buren County and White County." We are the only county in the State of Tennessee that doesn't have their own General Session Judge and at this time it is being considered at the Commission's request by the General Assembly." Currently White and Van Buren County have a combined salary for the Judge. The General Session Judge is classified by population in each County. Van Buren County is in the 7<sup>th</sup> classification (10,000 people or less) at this time. There's a total of 7 classes. County Attorney Upchurch currently serves as the General Session Judge in Bledsoe County which is a class 6 because of the prison population. The Tenn. Code Statue in the sheets that were given to each commissioner breakdown how the General Session Judges are compensated in the State of Tennessee. The base salaries are more than this at the present time. County Attorney Upchurch has made an educated guess to what might be the salary for the Judge in Van Buren County listed as following:

**Base salary**                    **\$50,000.00 to \$55,000.00**

**Annual Supplement** **\$10,000.00 (capped)**

**TCRS**                            **(?)**

**Attendance at seminars (there are 2 seminars per year and the statue requires the County to pay for attendance fee, mileage, and lodging. (?)**

**Lexis Nexis is a free internet research for lawyers.**

**Part-time Judge does not require a secretary.**

Mr. Upchurch reached out to AOC today but hasn't got a call back, also he spoke with State Representative Cameron Sexton and this is all the information he can give at this time the cost might be a little more or less.

Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Meghan Huffstutter spoke up and stated, "This Bill was taken off notice on March 10, 2021 it had never moved and as far as I am aware the bill isn't going through." County Attorney Upchurch stated, "I don't think the Bill is dead and it can be considered according to Speaker Sexton's comments to me." Mr. Upchurch ending with if he receives something more substantial from AOC he will let the Commissioners know by e-mail. Mayor Wilson asked the Full Commission if they wanted to proceed with this or not and no action was taken at this time.

### **Adjournment**

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by William Maxwell to adjourn. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Chairman Joey Grissom

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County Clerk Lisa Rigsby

