

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

The Van Buren County Commission met in a Regular Meeting on December 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Buren County Administrative Facility & Justice Center. The following action was taken as recorded in Minutes Book, "U".

Call to Order

Sheriff Michael Brock called the Meeting to Order.

Roll Call

Members present: Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Tabitha Denney, Terry Hickey, Terry Hodges, Kenny Smith, Tommy Frady, Michael Woodlee, and Cale Crain. Dusty Madewell was absent.

Also present: Standing in for County Attorney Howard Upchurch was Attorney Stacey Farmer, County Mayor David Sullivan, and County Finance Director Heather Woodlee, County Clerk Lisa Rigsby, Jay Williams with zoom and several Citizens from Van Buren County.

Prayer

Terry Hickey led us in prayer.

Pledge

Chairman Cale Crain led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from the Commission Meeting on November 19, 2024 as printed.

Michael Woodlee made a motion, second by Michael Chandler to approve the Minutes from the Commission Meeting on November 19, 2024. All approved by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed.

Committee A Report

Committee A Meeting

December 9, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

All members were present.

Trever Henderson with State Opioid Abatement presented a slide presentation over appropriate spending of funds. No action needed.

Prevention Coalition presented plans of their organization and requested funds to help with their endeavors. Cale Crain made the motion, Terry Hodges seconded to give \$4,968.64 to the Prevention Coalition debited from line 101-39000 to line 101-51100-600. Roll call, all members in favor.

Approve/Disapprove budget amendment to cover Health Insurance. Move \$40,000.00 from fund balance 39000 to 101-58600-207. Motion made by Cale Crain, seconded by Jordan Delong. Roll call, all members in favor.

Old Business: Motion made by Cale Crain, seconded by Jordan Delong for trial basis use of WEX cards (with no use in Van Buren County) for Piney Fire Department to assist in mutual aid to other counties and organizations. All members in favor.

New Business: Move Opioid Abatement money \$23,104.44 from fund balance 39000 to 101-51100-600 to cover the three physical year agreement with Care Solace. Motion made by Jordan Delong and seconded by Cale Crain. Roll call, all members in favor.

Motion made by Cale Crain, seconded by Terry Hodges to post and accept applications for the part-time Piney Convenience Center position. All members in favor.

Motion made by Cale Crain, seconded by Terry Hickey to solicit bids for Jail Skylights and damages from weather. All members in favor.

Discussion by Cale Crain for Airflight Medical Coverage for County residents with more information to come. Currently awaiting numbers for the cost of three different type plans.

Motion made by Cale Crain, seconded by Terry Hodges to develop a grant review committee of seven members with three of those members being County Commissioners. All members in favor.

Motion made by Cale Crain, seconded by Terry Hodges to adjourn. All members in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Committee A Chairman Tabitha Denney brought forward action from the Committee A meeting on 12-9-24 that needs to be taken from the Full Commission.

Prevention Coalition (Donation of \$4,968.64)

Tabitha Denney made a motion, second by Michael Chandler to approve funds in the amount of \$4,968.64 to the Prevention Coalition, and debit from line 101-39000 to line 101-51100-600.

Upon roll call: Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Tabitha Denney, Terry Hickey, Terry Hodges, Kenny Smith, Tommy Frady, Michael Woodlee and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed.

Budget Amendment to cover Health Insurance for County Employees

Tabitha Denney made a motion, second by Kenny Smith to approve the budget amendment to cover Health Insurance and move \$40,000.00 from Fund Balance 39000 to 101-58600-207.

Upon roll call: Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Tabitha Denney, Terry Hickey, Terry Hodges, Kenny Smith, Tommy Frady, Michael Woodlee and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed. **Budget Amendment as following:**

**Van Buren Co. Executive
2024-2025**

**General Fund
Fund 101**

Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
39000		fund balance	health insurance	\$ 40,000.00	
58600	207		health insurance		\$ 40,000.00
			Total	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00

WEX cards for Piney Fire Department

Tabitha Denney made a motion, second by Michael Woodlee to approve on a trial basis use of WEX cards with no use in Van Buren County for Piney Fire Department to assist in mutual aid to other Counties and organizations.

Upon roll call: Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Tabitha Denney, Terry Hickey, Terry Hodges, Kenny Smith, Tommy Frady, Michael Woodlee and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed.

Budget Amendment of Opioid Abatement in the amount of \$23,104.44 (Care Solace)

Tabitha Denney made a motion, second by Jordan Delong to approve to move Opioid Abatement money \$23,104.44 from Fund Balance 39000 to 101-51100-600 to cover the three physical year agreement with Care Solace.

Upon roll call: Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Tabitha Denney, Terry Hickey, Terry Hodges, Kenny Smith, Tommy Frady, Michael Woodlee and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed. **Budget Amendment as following:**

**Van Buren Co. Executive
2024-2025**

**General Fund
Fund 101**

Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
39000		unassigned	opioid money fy23-24	\$ 23,104.44	
51100	600	opi-c opioid	to cover expense		\$ 23,104.44
Total				\$ 23,104.44	\$ 23,104.44

Piney Convenience Center (part-time position)

Tabitha Denney made a motion, second by Michael Woodlee to approve to post and accept applications for a part-time Piney Convenience Center position. All approve by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed.

Air-flight Medical Coverage for County residents

No action was taken on this matter, Commission is waiting for numbers on the cost of two different type of plans.

Developing a Grant review Committee for the County

Tabitha Denney made a motion, second by Michael Chandler to approve to develop a Grant review Committee of seven members with three of those members being County Commissioners and for the County Attorney to start the process of drawing up a Resolution to cover that Grant Committee.

Upon roll call: Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Tabitha Denney, Terry Hickey, Terry Hodges, Kenny Smith, Tommy Frady, Michael Woodlee and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed.

Solicit Bids for Jail Skylights and damages from the weather

Tabitha Denney made a motion, second by Michael Woodlee to solicit bids for the Jail Skylights and damages from the weather for the County Attorney to have numbers to go by for the lawsuit. All agreed by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed.

Committee B Report

Committee B Meeting

December 10, 2024

Roll call: All members were present except Dusty Madewell and Thomas Frady.

Approve: Masonic Lodge Building for Election Commission Storage. The Election Commission is not utilizing the entire building.

M: Michael Chandler S: Kenny Smith AIF: All

Approve: Masonic Lodge Building for Prevention Coalition

M: Michael Chandler S: Kenny Smith ALF: pending insurance verification.
The Coalition will be responsible for utilities.

Old Business: Piney Convenience Center is awaiting State Inspection.

New Business: Discussion over the School’s Trash Compactor.

Discussion were had over needed repairs at other Convenience Centers. Committee B will be compiling prices for needed repairs in the future and sending to Committee A for approval.

Michael Woodlee made the motion to form an Industrial Board. Michael Chandler seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion was made to adjourn by Michael Chandler, seconded by Kenny Smith. All were in favor.

Commissioner Michael Woodlee read over Committee B Minutes from the Committee meeting on 12-10-2024 with no action taken by the Full Commission.

Old Business

Discussion of the old dumpsters at the Spencer Convenience Center

Commissioner Tabitha Denney requested information on where the County was at on getting the Old Dumpsters that need to be scrapped at the Spencer Facility. Mayor David Sullivan informed the Full Commission that the Maintenance Supervisor Shannon Mooneyham would like for the Commission to come and mark the ones that are in need of getting rid of.

Discussion on Watson Family Construction

Commissioner Tabitha Denney ask the Attorney Stacey Farmer, "Where are we on the Watson Family Construction?" Attorney Farmer stated, "County Attorney Howard Upchurch is moving forward and he should have you a court date by the end of the year."

New Business

Sheriff Michael Brock addressed the Commission thanking the County for the Christmas Bonus for the employees in his Department and stated, "They were much appreciated."

Sheriff Michael Brock wanted to recognize several of his employee for outstanding jobs.

Sheriff Brock presented Deputy Josh Stone and County Nurse Penny Baker the Public Service Award for an incident that occurred in our County for their dedication and commitment to Public Service.

Lieutenant Bill Davis with the Van Buren County's Sheriff's Department and a member o f a group called Project 309. This program was started in the behalf of Chris Patterson, a Captain in Manchester Tennessee. Upon his passing a program was started in his honor in Public Safety. This year Lieutenant Davis presented the Chris Patterson Memorial award to Deputy Josh Stone for his outstanding dedication to Van Buren County and the Sheriff's Department and his strong faith in believing in what he does.

Comments from the Public

None

Adjournment

Michael Woodlee made a motion, second by Kenny Smith to adjourn. All agreed by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Chairman Cale Crain

County Clerk Lisa Rigsby