

VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2015-31

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ANNUAL VOLUNTARY TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE (1) MILL FOR REAL PROPERTY IN VAN BUREN COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING THE VAN BUREN COUNTY LIBRARY.

WHEREAS: Ark. Code Ann. 26-25-106 and 26-73-103 (a) authorize the imposition and levying of voluntary taxes for the benefit of residents (the “Authorizing Legislation”); and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Attorney General in Opinion No. 94-003 has opined that a County Quorum Court can establish a voluntary tax by ordinance; and

WHEREAS: The Quorum Court of Van Buren County has determined that it would be in the best interest of the County to finance library equipment and furnishings by establishing and levying an annual voluntary tax in the amount of one (1) mill for real property in the County (the “Voluntary Tax”)

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

- A. There is hereby levied an annual Volunteer Tax in the amount of one (1) mill for real property in Van Buren County, Arkansas for the purpose of equipping and furnishing the Van Buren County Library.
- B. The Van Buren County Collector is hereby directed to include on the annual tax statement mailed to each real property owner in the County the Voluntary Tax for the Library. Upon receipt of the statement, the real property owner may choose whether or not to pay the Voluntary Tax.
- C. The net collections of the Voluntary Tax shall be placed in the Van Buren County Library Fund. These funds shall be used solely to furnish or equip the library.
- D. INTERFERENCE No person shall interfere with, hinder, or molest the County Library authority in the performance of its duty.
- E. EMERGENCY 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 effectiveness from and after its passage.

Approved this 19th day of November, 2015

APPROVED: _____
Roger Hooper, County Judge

ATTEST: _____
Pam Bradford, County Clerk