

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

The Van Buren County Commission met in a Regular Meeting on Monday September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Buren County Administrative Facility & Justice Center. The following action was taken as recorded in Minute Book, "U".

Call to Order

Sheriff Michael Brock called the Meeting to Order.

Roll Call

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

Also present: County Mayor David Sullivan, County Clerk Lisa Rigsby, and Melinda Starkey with Solid Waste, Jay Williams with zoom and Several Citizens of Van Buren County.

Prayer

Dusty Madewell led us in prayer.

Pledge

Chairman Cale Crain led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve/Disapprove: Minutes of the Full Commission Meeting on August 18, 2025.

Tabitha Denney made a motion, seconded by Michael Woodlee to approve the Minutes from the August 18, 2025 Meeting. All agreed by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed.

Approve/Disapprove: Committee A Report

Committee A Meeting
September 2, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Terry Hickey, Terry Hodges, Cale Crain, Jordan Delong, and Tabitha Denney.

Motion made by Cale Crain and second by Terry Hickey to accept a contract for State bid for Solid Waste per State request. State will no longer use RTS after December 2025. Committee choosing to leave rates the same with the exception of the amount per ton. Roll call with everyone voting yes.

Motion made by Terry Hodges and second by Cale Crain to move \$6,250 from 46290-101 to line item 101-54210-399 for Sheriff Department CPC Grant. Roll call with all members yes. Continued grant from 2024.

New Business

Motion made by Terry Hodges and second by Cale Crain to place No Loitering signs at all Convenience sites. All members in favor.

Motion made by Terry Hodges and second by Terry Hickey to solicit bids for cremation services. Roll call with all members in favor.

Cale Crain and Terry Hickey motion to adjourn.

Committee A Chairman Tabitha Denney brought forward action that needs to be taken by the Full Commission from the Committee A Meeting on September 2, 2025.

Contract for State Bid for Solid Waste per State request, State will no longer use RTS.

Tabitha Denney made a motion, seconded by Terry Hickey to accept a contract for State bid for Solid Waste per State request. The State will no longer use RTS after December 2025. Leaving the rates the same with the exception of the change of \$75.00 per ton.

Roll Call: Michael Woodlee, Tommy Frady, Kenny Smith, Dusty Madewell, Terry Hodges, Terry Hickey, Tabitha Denney, Jordan Delong, Michael Chandler and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed.

CPC Grant, Sheriff's Department, \$6,250.00

Tabitha Denney made a motion, seconded by Michael Woodlee to move \$6,250.00 from 46290-101 to line item 101-54210-399 for Sheriff Department CPC Grant.

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

Solicit bids for cremation services

After much discussion on this matter, Tabitha Denney made a motion, seconded by Michael Woodlee to solicit bids for cremation services. All approved by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed.

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Van Buren Co. Executive General Fund
2025-2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT 1 Fund 101

Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
46290 54210	399	Other Public Works Gran Other Contracted Services		\$ 6,250.00	\$ 6,250.00
			Total	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 6,250.00

Pay out of Technology Grant from Combined Public Communications
Create line item for this Grant

Elect Chairman for the Full Commission for 2025/2026

Michael Woodlee nominated Cale Crain for Chairman of the Full Commission, seconded by Jordan Delong. Terry Hickey made a motion that all nominations cease. All agreed by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed. **Cale Crain is the 2025/2026 Chairman of the Full Commission.**

Elect Vice Chairman for the Full Commission for 2025/2026

Tabitha Denney nominated Terry Hickey for Vice Chairman of the Full Commission, seconded by Michael Woodlee. Tabitha Denney made a motion that all nomination cease. All approved by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed. **Terry Hickey is the 2025/2026 Vice Chairman of the Full Commission.**

Old Business

None

New Business

Approve/Disapprove: Budget Amendment for the Sheriff's Department. Move \$288.80 from 44170-101 to line item 101-54110-187.

Michael Woodlee made a motion, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve a budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department moving \$288.80 from Fund 44170-101 to line item 101-54110-187.

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

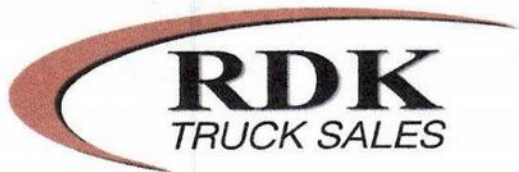
Van Buren Co. Executive General Fund
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Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
44170 54110	187	Misc Refunds Overtime		\$ 288.80	\$ 288.80
			Total	\$ 288.80	\$ 288.80

Receipt #170 TDDTF Overtime Reimbursement

Approve/Disapprove: Apply for the Solid Waste Recycling Equipment Grant.

Solid Waste Director Melinda Starkey was present at the meeting requesting permission to apply for the Solid Waste Recycling Equipment Grant. The process for application is open tentatively September 4, 2025, on or before October 15, 2025 by 4:30 p.m. If awarded this grant the amount could be \$125,000.00 with the Solid Waste Committee wanting to purchase a 2025 Freightliner 114SD 60000 LB Pac Mac Roll off Truck in the amount of \$226,500.00 with the County being responsible to pay the rest of the amount. After much discussion on this matter, Terry Hickey made a motion, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve to go ahead and apply for the Solid Waste Truck Recycling Equipment Grant. All agreed by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed. **RDK Solid Waste truck bid as following:**



3214 Adamo Drive, Tampa, FL 33605
t. 8132410711 f. 8132410414

QUOTE

Number RPRQ1425-0

Date Sep 3, 2025

Sold To

Van Buren County
Melinda Starkey
PO Box 217
121 Taft Street
Spencer, TN 38585

Phone (931) 946-2314
Fax

Ship To

Van Buren County
Melinda Starkey
PO Box 217
121 Taft Street
Spencer, TN 38585

Phone (931) 946-2314
Fax

HOL-MAC CORPORATION SOURCEWELL CONTRACT NUMER
010825-HMC
PAC-MAC

Salesperson	P.O. Number	Ship Via	Terms
Rane Robinson			

Line	Qty	Description	Unit Price	Ext. Price
1	1	*SOUURCEWELL- 174 60K LB ROLL OFF - PAC MAC * PAC MAC RDK MODEL PMRO_60174OR 60,000 LB OUTSIDE RAIL HOIST * HIGH MOUNTED HYDRAULIC TANK FOR IMPROVED EFFICIENCY. * SPIN-ON HYDRAULIC FILTER AND TANK BREATHER * HYDRAULIC PRESSURE GAUGE AND SIGHT TEMPERATURE GAUGE * 5 SPOOL VALVE FOR HOIST AND TARPINGG SYSTEM * INSIDE HOIST CONTROLS MOUNTED ON SWING AWAY CONTROL TOWER. * CONTROL TOWER INCOPRORATES LIGHTS, PTO AND HOIST CONTROLS * HOT SHIFT PTO AND DIRECT MOUNT HYDRAULIC PUMP * 6" DUMP CYLINDERS AND 7" HOIST CYLINDERS * BOLT-ON CYLINDER AND SHEAVE GUARDS. * BOLT ON SIDE ROLLERS WITH HEAVY DUTY ROLLER PROTECTORS * REAR SLIDE PLATES FOR EASY CONTAINER LOADING * BOLT-ON REPLACABLE STEEL FENDERS * BOLT-ON RACK AND PINION TARP ACTUATORS * BOLT-ON TARP ARMS AND GANTRY ASSENBLIES. * BOLT-ON REAR BUMPERS * AUTO FOLD ICC REAR BUMPER, ALSO STOWABLE * REAR PINTLE HITCH READY BUMPER * 18X18X48 STEEL SIDE MOUNT TOOL BOX * 2- REAR MOUNTED LED WORK LIGHTS * AUTOMATIC FRONT ROLLER LOCKS. * REAR SLIDING CONTAINER HOLD DOWN STRAPS * BACK UP ALARM, HOIST UP ALARM AND IN CAB SIGNAL LIGHT * BACK UP COLOR CAMERA SYSTEM * FRONT AND REAR TANDEM MUD FLAPS * ALL LED LIGHTING * 1 YEAR BASE WARRANTY * 3 YEAR STUCTURAL WARRANTY	\$59,958.00	\$59,958.00

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE - PRICES BASED UPON TOTAL PURCHASE - ALL DELIVERY, TRAINING OR CONSULTING SERVICES TO BE BILLED AT PUBLISHED RATES FOR EACH ACTIVITY INVOLVED - GENERALLY ALL HARDWARE COMPUTER COMPONENTS PROPOSED ABOVE ARE COVERED BY A LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY, COVERING PARTS AND LABOUR FOR HARDWARE ONLY AND ON A DEPOT BASIS - WE SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR WITH REGARD TO ANY LICENSED PRODUCTS. WE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OF PROFITS, BUSINESS, GOODWILL, DATA, INTERRUPTION OF BUSINESS, NOR FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS OF PURPOSE, DAMAGES RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT. MINIMUM 15% RESTOCKING FEE WITH ORIGINAL PACKAGING.

Line	Qty	Description	Unit Price	Ext. Price
2	1	CHASSIS OPTION- 2025 FREIGHTLINER MODEL 114 SD CAB AND CHASSIS *CUMMIS X12 455 HP DEISEL ENGINE *ALLISON 4000 RDS AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION *HOT SHIFT PTO W DIRECT MOUNT PUMP *20000 LB FRONT AXE *46000 LB REAR TANDEM AXLE *CUMMINS 5YR/500,000 MILE EXTENDED WAARANTY *CUMMINS 5YR/500,000 MILE AFTERTREATMENT WARRANTY *CHASSIS 5YR/500,000MILE EXTENDED WARRANTY *ALLISON 5YR/UNLIMITED MILES WARRANTY *TOWING 5YR/UNLIMITED TOWING WARRANTY DETAILED FREIGHTLINER SPECIFICATIONS ATTACHED	\$164,942.00	\$164,942.00
3	1	DELIVERY TO VAN BUREN COUNTY	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
SubTotal				\$226,500.00
Tax				\$0.00
Shipping				\$0.00
Total				\$226,500.00

LEASE OPTIONS:

24 MONTHS- \$5818.00 MONTHLY
36 MONTHS- \$5633.00 MONTHLY
60 MONTHS- \$4109.00 MONTHLY

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE MONTHLY, QUARTERLY OR ANNUALLY.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Rane Robinson
rane@rdk.com
813 624 2704

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2025 Freightliner 114SD 60000 lb Pac Mac Roll Off Truck

Tampa, FL # 773 mi.

Price

GET E-PRICE

Automatic

\$224,900
delivery + 1,600
\$ 226,500

ABOUT THIS VEHICLE

2025 Freightliner 114SD Roll-off Truck!

FET NOT INCLUDED

60,000 lb. PacMac Roll-off Hoist with a Pioneer Rack N' Pinion Tarp System. Powered by a 455 h.p. Cummins Carb Certification X12 Engine, 4000RDS Allison Automatic Transmission, 46,000 lb rears and a 20,000 lb. steering axle. Fresh off the assembly line! Call RDK today to order your new Roll-off Truck!

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Warranties

- Chassis-5yrs/500k mi
- Eng EPA-5yrs/500k mi
- Aftertreatment-5yrs/500k Mi
- Transmission-5yrs/unl mi

• Towing-5yrs/unl Mi

RDK Truck Sales is a leader in the waste industry with an excellent reputation for customer service and reliable rebuilt refuse trucks and packer bodies. We specialize in reconditioning used roll-off trucks, rear loaders, front loaders and other types of trash, garbage and recycling trucks. If you are in the market for new, used or refurbished refuse equipment give RDK Truck Sales a chance to earn your business.

60,000 lb

Vehicle info

Stock	109180
Trim	60000 lb Pac Mac Roll Off Truck
Engine	455 hp Cummins X12
Type	New
Fuel Type	Diesel
Year	2025
Transmission	Automatic
Make	Freightliner
Model	114SD
Mileage	773
Body	Roll Off Trucks

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EQUIPMENT DETAIL

Options

- Pac-Mac

All of the information in this advertisement has been checked to the best of our abilities, but mistakes occasionally occur. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, as prices are subject to change. Prices do not include shipping, taxes, registration or dealer fees.

SIMILAR VEHICLES

Special offers

No offer found

Recycling Equipment Grant

- **Purpose Grant:**

- To support efforts of local governments toward achieving their waste reduction and recycling goals by increasing material tonnages, increase recycling access and/or participation, promote material processing and end use in Tennessee, support new waste reduction and recycling Technologies

- **Eligibility:**

- Tennessee counties, cities, solid waste authorities, and organizations which have been determined to be tax exempt nonprofit recycling organizations who are designated as 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service may apply for grants under T.C.A. § 68-211-861. The following counties according to the 2020 United States Census Bureau are **not eligible** for the Recycling Equipment grant: **Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Rutherford, and Shelby.**

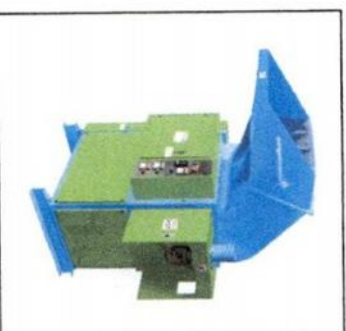
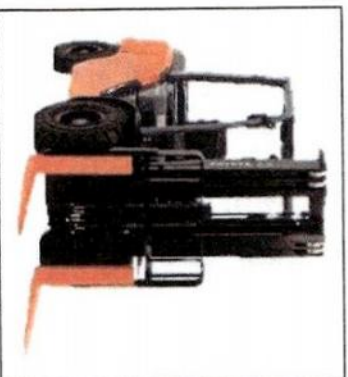


Recycling Equipment Grant

- **When does this application open?**
 - Tentatively September 4, 2025, on or before October 15, 2025, by 4:30 P.M. CST/CDT
- **How long is the application open?**
 - 6 Weeks
- **What are the funding amounts?**
 - Populations less than 50,000: \$125,000
 - Populations of 50,001 or more: \$250,000
 - Local match of 10% – 50% based on economic index.

Recycling Equipment Grant

- **What can you apply for on this grant?**
 - Recycling carts and containers made with recycled content and embedded RFID tags
 - Equipment such as compactors, balers, glass crushers, densifiers, sorting systems, and forklifts
 - Collection trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or higher will be considered.



Van Buren County Historian (Edward Gene Brock's resignation)

Van Buren County Historian Edward Gene Brock sent his resignation in to the Full Commission for acceptance. The Van Buren County Historical and Heritage Museum sent a letter of recommendation for Abby Sullivan to take this position. Jordan Delong made a motion, seconded by Michael Woodlee to accept Gene Brock's resignation and to approve Abby Sullivan taking this position. All approved by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed. **Abby Sullivan is the new Van Buren County Historian. Letter of resignation, letter of recommendation as following:**

New Business

September 15, 2025

Dear County Commission,

I am writing to formally announce that I am resigning from my position as County Historian, with my final day being the day you accept this resignation.

After careful consideration it has become clear that it is time for me to prioritize my failing health. My age, coupled with chronic health issues, has made it increasingly difficult for me to perform the duties.

I am incredibly grateful for the time you allowed me to be the Historian and I will be happy to assist in any way possible to ensure a smooth handover of my duties.

Thank you for your understanding and support and I wish the very best for the County.

Sincerely,

Edward Gene Brock

Gene Brock

New Business

September 15, 2025

Dear County Commission,

It is without reservation that the Van Buren County Historical and Heritage Museum recommend Abby Sullivan for the position of County Historian. We have known Abby for a few years and during this time, we have consistently been impressed by her knowledge of local history and unwavering commitment to preserving our community's heritage.

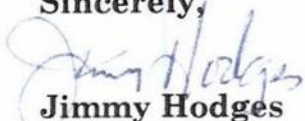
A county historian is a custodian of local memory and a public-facing educator, and Abby will excel in both areas. We have seen some of her skills firsthand on the historical cemetery tour she has conducted for the Chamber of Commerce in the past. This tour required not only an approach to historical research but also the ability to communicate it effectively to the public. Abby accomplished this with ease and enthusiasm, demonstrating her talent for making history accessible and engaging for the audience.

She also has a proven track record of collaboration, having worked effectively with the Chamber of Commerce and the fair pageant. Her ability to foster strong relationships and her reputation for honesty make her an ideal representative of our county's story.

In sum, Abby is an exceptional candidate who combines a genuine passion for local history with the professional skills and personal integrity required to succeed as our County Historian. She will not only preserve our past but also inspire a new generation to appreciate our heritage.

I am confident that Abby would be a tremendous asset to our community. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Jimmy Hodges

Van Buren Historical and Heritage Museum President

Proclamation (The month of September as Recovery Month in Van Buren County)

Commissioner Michael Woodlee brought forward action requesting approval for a Proclamation to where the month of September is Recovery Month in Van Buren County. Michael Woodlee made a motion, seconded by Tabitha Denney to adopt this Proclamation as such.

Roll Call: Michael Woodlee, Tommy Frady, Kenny Smith, Dusty Madewell, Terry Hodges, Terry Hickey, Tabitha Denney, Jordan Delong, Michael Chandler and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed. **Proclamation as following:**

Proclamation

WHEREAS, substance use disorders and addiction affect individuals, families, and communities across Van Buren County; and

WHEREAS, recovery from substance use disorders is possible, and individuals can and do lead healthy and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness and reducing the stigma associated with substance use disorders is crucial to encouraging individuals to seek help and support; and

WHEREAS, the month of September is recognized nationally as Recovery Month, a time to celebrate the gains made by those in recovery and to promote the message that recovery is attainable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of Van Buren County, do hereby proclaim the month of September as Recovery Month in Van Buren County. We call upon all residents to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies, and to support individuals in recovery and their families. Let us work together to create a Community that fosters hope, healing, and well-being for all.

Chairman Cale Crain

County Clerk Lisa Rigsby

Comments from the Public

Leo Sochocki was present at the meeting to give an update on the Van Buren County Hometown Heroes Day event planned for September 27, 2025.

Adjournment

Terry Hickey made a motion, seconded by Michael Woodlee to adjourn. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Chairman Cale Crain

County Clerk Lisa Rigsby