

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

November 8, 2021

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 8th day of November 2021. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Sheriff Wayne Potter called the session to order.

The following members were present:

Susie Kreis, Michael Raiford, Melissa Bryant, Michael McGrath, Jerry Zorsch, Janet Adkisson, Eli Anderson, Freddie Seavers, Randy Roberts, Steve Walls, Earl Headrick, Vera Scarbrough, Fred Snow, David Hennessee, Vernon Justes and Bill Shannon

Absent were: Robert Byrd, Terry Jackson

Also present: Morgan County Clerk Cheryl Collins and Crystal Garrett, Finance Director where and when the following had and entered to wit:

Invocation was led by EMS Director Doug Laymance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by EMS Director Doug Laymance

Chairman Langley began his Executive Report. The following occurred this month:

American Rescue Plan Monies	Groundbreaking – RV Park
State Inspection – Garbage Tk	Surplus of Old Garbage Tk
Morgan Leadership	Wilson Building
Courtroom Renovation	Locking System on Courthouse doors
Flat Rock – PPP Land	ETHRA Meeting
Together Morgan County	Safe Space Grant
County Mayor Meeting	TDEC Waterline Grant

Citizens Comments: None

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Justes to approve the October 11, 2021, minutes, and the trustees report.

Motion passed unanimously (16/0)

#2 – Notaries – Mitchell Young

Motion made by Commissioner Justes to approve the aforementioned notary applicant; Commissioner Kries seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#3 – Resolution – Adopt Reapportionment/Redistricting Plan

Commissioner Walls made a motion to approve the adoption of the new Reapportionment/Redistricting Plan, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#4 – Resolution – Support of Employees at the Morgan County Correctional Complex

Commissioner Kreis made a motion to the employees at the Morgan County Correctional Complex, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Executive Langley introduced Bridgett DeFee (Morgan County Chamber of Commerce Director) to make her presentation. Director DeFee elaborated on the accomplishment of the Spirit of the Mountain Pow Wow celebration.

#5 – Motion – Approval for Disposal of Old Equipment from County Clerk’s Office

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to allow disposal of old equipment from County Clerk’s office, Commissioner Shannon seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Executive Langley asked Jenni Goodrich of the Ag Extension office to make her presentation. She stated that she must have 3 county commissioners on the board, Mike McGrath has served 6 years in January and must rotate off. Jenni asked if any commissioner is interested in serving the next term.

#6 – Appointment of David Hennessee to Fill Vacancy on Ag Extension Board in January

Commissioner Justes made a motion to nominate and appoint David Hennessee to the Ag Extension Board, Commissioner Roberts seconded. No other commissioner voiced their interest.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Budget Committee

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-9 – Archives Development

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-9 in the amount of \$725.00 for grant to purchase archival supplies, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendments #29-42 for BOE

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Board of Education budget amendment #29-42, Commissioner Justes seconded. Commissioner McGrath asked about the exuberant amounts of money going to assistant principals and no bus purchases. Executive Langley stated he would try to get some explanation.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#9 – Motion - Approval of Medical Examiner Increase in Fees

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the increase of fees from \$2000.00 per month to \$2750.00 per month due to increase in autopsies.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#10 – Motion – Allow County Executive to Purchase Military Surplus for County

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to allow the county executive to purchase military surplus on a as needed basis, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Road Committee

Commissioner Walls stated that a meeting will be scheduled for 5pm on November 30, 2021, at the Road Department.

Jail Mitigation Committee

Commissioner Zorsch stated that a meeting will be scheduled for 5pm on November 22, 2021 in the Courtroom.

Executive Langley stated that there will be a Veteran’s Day program on Thursday at 11 am presented by the American Legion Post #149 on the Courthouse lawn.

Commissioner Shannon will let everyone know if it will be moved to the Legion building due to inclement weather.

There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Roberts made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Meeting Schedule

Jail Mitigation	-Monday, Nov 22 5:00 pm
Road Committee	-Tuesday, Nov 30 5:00 pm
Budget Meeting	-Monday, Dec 13 8. 6:00 pm
Commission Meeting	-Monday, Dec 13 7:00 pm