

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

August 14, 2023

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 14th day of August 2023. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Captain Mike Wren called the session to order.

The following members were present:

Vera Scarbrough, Fred Snow, David Hennessee, Bobby Gibson, Kenny Morgan, Susie Kreis, Doug Vespie, Melissa Bryant, Rick Plank, Janet Adkisson, Eli Anderson, Debbie Lively, Terry Jackson, Randy Roberts and Steve Walls

Absent were: DJ Currier, Vernon Justes and Gary Kennedy

Also present: Melinda Jones representing the Finance Office and Morgan County Clerk Cheryl Collins where and when the following had and entered to wit:

Invocation was led by Former Commissioner Robert Byrd

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Former Commissioner Robert Byrd

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

July 4 th Parade	Boom on the Bluff
Cookout – EMS	Chamber Meeting
Economic Development Board Mtng	Senior Citizens Day
Tour MCCX – Ed Butler	RV Park Meeting w/Mayor
ARC Webinar	James Frank Bldg Dedication
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PUD - Commissioners	

Citizens Comments:

Brenda Bales (ETHRA) – Informed the commission of a program for low-income households for energy assistance program. This is completely an income-based program and is based on net income not gross income. It will help with Electric/Gas/Wood/Coal or Propane. The program offers \$600-\$800.00 to help with energy bills. The fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the June 29, 2023, minutes.

Motion passed unanimously (15/0)

#2 – Notaries – Jasmine Hardwick, Johnny Johnson, Susan Matheson, Tiffany Miller

Motion made by Commissioner Scarbrough to approve the aforementioned notaries applicants; Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

Executive Langley introduced Don Brown with ETDD to explain the TDOT transportation plan he has developed for Morgan County. This plan highlights the deficiencies and recommendations for local roads. The deficiencies include the lane width, should width, vertical and horizontal alignment of roadways. This will be submitted to TDOT for approval.

#3 – Motion – Accept Resignation of County Commissioner DJ Currier

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to accept the resignation of County Commissioner DJ Currier of the 2nd District, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

#4 – Motion – To Advertise the Vacancy of District 2 County Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the advertising of District 2 vacancy in the County Commission, Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

#5 – Motion – Appointment Carol Beene to the Morgan County Library Board

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the appointment of Carol Beene to the Morgan County Library Board, Commissioner Morgan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

Executive Langley sought to honor former county commissioners that he has served with. He purchased some plaques for these individuals. The former commissioners in attendance were:

Earl Headrick (2nd)
Michael Raiford (4th)

Robert Byrd (4th)
Michael McGrath (5th)

Absent were:

Bill Shannon (3rd)
Freddie Seavers (6th)

Jerry Zorsch (5th)

Executive Langley expressed his appreciation for the time they served and how they helped him.

#6 – Resolution – Clear Creek Bridge Plaque for George W. McCartt

Commissioner Kreis made a motion to approve adding George W. McCartt name to the Clear Creek Bridge with plaque, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

Budget Committee

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-1 – Chancery Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-1 for Chancery Court in the amount of \$115.00, Commissioner Snow seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-2 – County Buildings

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-2 for County Buildings in the amount of \$1,674.87, Commissioner Snow seconded. Fix the oversight of EL Daugherty to a 10% raise and not 4%.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-3 – Veteran’s Services

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-3 for Veteran’s Services in the amount of \$1,400.00, Commissioner Morgan seconded. To add back the Flags that were left out of budget for 2 years.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-4 – Senior Citizen’s Assistance

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-4 for Senior Citizen’s Assistance in the amount of \$433.00, Commissioner Bryant seconded. For Pine Orchard Senior Center

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

#11 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-5 – County Buildings

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-5 for County Buildings in the amount of \$38,818.82, Commissioner Plank seconded. For insurance monies received for water damage at Visitors Center.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

#12 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-6 – Sheriff's Dept

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-6 for Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$3,878.00, Commissioner Kreis seconded. For insurance monies from tornado damage at Sunbright City Hall.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

#13 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-7 – General Sessions Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-7 for General Sessions Court in the amount of \$2,300.00, Commissioner Snow seconded. Use of monies from the drug fund for conference registration and related expenses.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

#14 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-1 – Sanitation Management

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-1 for Sanitation Management in the amount of \$14,190.00, Commissioner Jackson seconded. Purchase used truck for Recycling Dept.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

#15 – Motion – BOE - #1-4

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendments from Board of Education #1-4, Commissioner Hennessee seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

#16 – Motion – Surplus 6 Filing Cabinets

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the surplus of 6 filing cabinets from Executives office, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (15.0)

#17 – Motion - Approval to Apply for a Credit Card for Highway Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the application for a credit card for the Highway Department with a limit of \$5,000.00, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (15/0)

Commissioner Scarbrough asked if the monies from Budget Amendment 101-4 would be returned to the Pine Orchard Community Center if they re-established their officers and got a new bank account. Executive Langley stated that this money belonged to the Pine Orchard Community Center and would be given to them when they are re-established.

Executive Langley stated that the \$750,000.00 Home Grant applied for by the county is in the process of securing a contractor. There are 10 homes that have been approved in the Oakdale, Petros, Lancing, Mossy Grove, Sunbright and Wartburg areas.

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

Meeting Schedule

Budget Meeting

Commission Meeting

- Monday – September 11 – 6:00 pm

-Monday – September 11 - 7:00 pm