

## MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

March 11, 2024

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Sheriff Wayne Potter called the session to order.

The following members were present:

David Hennessee, Vernon Justes, Kenny Morgan, Bobby Gibson, Susie Kries, Doug Vespie, Melissa Bryant, Rick Plank, Janet Adkisson, Eli Anderson, Terry Jackson, Randy Roberts, Steve Walls, Johnny Lindsay, Vera Scarbrough and Fred Snow

Absent were: Gary Kennedy, Debbie Lively

Also present: Crystal Garrett, Morgan County Finance Director, and Morgan County Clerk Cheryl Collins 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 Executive Report:

Rescue Squad Open House	Grant for Oakdale Park
Proclamation: Breakfast Week	Zoom Meeting – Watershed PUD
Solid Waste Meeting	ETDD – Alcoa – Solid Waste
Rural Development – Round Table	Sidewalks Completed
Budget meetings	

Citizens Comments: None

### **#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements**

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Justes to approve the February 12, 2024, minutes.

Motion passed unanimously (16/0)

### **#2 - Resolution: Unclaimed Balance of Accounts**

Commissioner Roberts made motion to approve Resolution of Unclaimed Balance, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

### **#3 – Notaries** – Rebecca Hamby, Briauna Herren, Bonnie Lavender, Marcia Stringfield

Motion made by Commissioner Snow to approve the aforementioned notaries applicants; Commissioner Kries seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

### **#4 – Motion – E-911 Board Appointment**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve Neil Noe to the E-911 Board, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

### **#5 – Resolution – Naming a Section of Hwy 62 in Lancing the Archie (Harry) Williams Memorial Hwy**

Commissioner Kries made a motion to approve the naming of a section of Hwy 62 in Lancing the Archie (Harry) Williams Memorial Hwy, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed (16/0)

**Budget Committee**

**#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-20 – Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-20 for Miscellaneous in the amount of \$201,694.23, Commissioner Jackson seconded. Repayment of Property taxes to Knox Energy.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-7 – Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-7 for Miscellaneous in the amount of \$39,390.24, Commissioner Justes seconded. Repayment of Property taxes to Knox Energy

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 131-3 – Highway Department**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendments 131-3 in the amount \$286,428.36, Commissioner Walls seconded. Move money from state aid to right line item.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 131-4 – Other Charges**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 131-4 in the amount of \$2,858.44, Commissioner Justes seconded. Repayment of Property taxes to Knox Energy

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 131-5 – Highway & Bridge Maintenance**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 131-5 in the amount of \$455.00, Commissioner Justes seconded. Sale of recycled materials.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#11 – Motion – Budget Amendment 151-1 – Other Debt Service**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 151-1 in the amount of \$23,272.11, Commissioner Snow seconded. Repayment of Property taxes to Knox Energy

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#12 – Motion – Budget Amendments #42-#49 for BOE**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment #42-#49 for Board of Education, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Commissioner Roberts stated that the lawsuit that Knox Energy had brought against the county was lost. The County will now have to repay \$385,000.00 to Knox Energy. There may be a way to appeal against this decision and the county is looking into it. Senator Yager is going to try and help with this. This will hurt our county landowners.

**#13- - Motion – To Approve Sheriff's Department to Surplus Vehicle**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Dept to surplus 1994 Dodge Durango to Courthouse., Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

## **Solid Waste**

Commissioner Jackson along with Solid Waste Director Keith Kilby stated that they held a meeting February 26 to discuss a few things and make the following recommendations:

1. Change a part-time employee to full-time employee
2. Increase Attendance wages by \$7,500.00
3. Implement a charge for picking up cardboard at business locations
4. Charge Schools for trash, cardboard pickups

### **#14 – Motion to Approve the Solid Waste to Begin Charging School System for Trash and Cardboard Pickup**

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve an increase in charges to schools from \$20,000.00 annually to \$50,000.00 annually, Commissioner Kries seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

### **#15 – Motion to Approve Changing the Part-time Employee to a Full-time Employee**

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to make the part-time employee a full-time employee at a cost of \$16,800.00 and add \$7,500.00 to the Attendant line in the budget, Commissioner Roberts; seconded. These increases will be paid for by the increase in charges for schools and businesses.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

### **#16 – Motion – To Begin Charging Businesses for Cardboard Pickup**

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to begin charging businesses for cardboard pickup, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Meeting March 26 @ 5:00 pm

## **Building Committee**

Commissioner Morgan stated that a meeting was held March 4. The sidewalks have been completed. They also discussed getting bids to pave the parking lot behind Wilson building and Annex. They are also wanting to give the sheds to Solid Waste because of the issues they have caused with inmates. They have also been working with ETHRA to spruce up the building and ETHRA has agreed to purchase new windows for the building at a cost of \$14,900.00. They are also looking into pressure washing the building to make it look better.

### **#17 – Motion – To Approve Bid Process for Paving of Parking Lot Behind Wilson Building and Annex**

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve the bid process for paving of the parking lot behind the Wilson Building and Annex, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

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

## **Meeting Schedule**

Budget Committee	-Monday – March 18 – 5:00 pm
Budget Committee	-Monday – March 25 - 5:00 pm
Solid Waste Committee	-Tuesday – March 26 – 5:00 pm

Budget Committee  
Budget Meeting  
Commission Meeting

- Monday – April 1 – 5:00 pm  
- Monday – April 8 – 6:00 pm  
-Monday – April 8 - 7:00 pm