

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

January 13, 2025

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 13th day of January 2025. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Chief Deputy Rick Hamby called the session to order.

The following members were present:

David Hennessee, Vernon Justes, Kenny Morgan, Bobby Gibson, Susie Kries, Doug Vespie, Melissa Bryant, Gary Kennedy, Rick Plank, Janet Adkisson, Eli Anderson, Debbie Lively, Randy Roberts, Terry Jackson, Steve Walls, Fred Snow,

Absent were: Johnny Lindsay, Vera Scarbrough

Also present: was Morgan County Clerk Cheryl Collins where and when the following had and entered to wit:

Invocation was led by John Bonham

Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Bonham

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

TCI Training	Jail Recertification
Senior Citizen Dinners	E-911 Board Meeting
JECDB Meeting	Opioid Meetings
Sheriff Potter Meeting	

Citizens Comments:

Joe Fox thanked Road Superintendent Joe Miller and his crew for their hard work during the snow.

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts to approve the November 18th meeting minutes and Trustees Report, Commissioner Morgan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously (16/0)

#2 – Notaries – Wilda Burns, Zachary Helton, Diana Lewis, Cynthia Pollard, Brandy Turner, Timothy Waldo

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve aforementioned notary, Commissioner Kries seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#3 – Resolution – Approving the First Distrution from Opioid Settlement Funds received from State of Tennessee for the Purpose of Addressing the Opioid Crisis in Morgan County

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolution concerning the Distribution of Opioid monies in a part-time position as Community Navigator, Commissioner Snow seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Executive Langley presented pictures and a report of all the building updates that have been made since 2018. All county buildings have been update in some form, some still have things to be completed but are moving in the right direction.

Executive Langley presented John Bonham and William Rigsby with plaques recognizing all their selfless acts to help citizens in the county with fire wood and other good deeds.

Budget Committee

#4 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-16 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-16 for Sheriff's Dept in the amount of \$3,072.15, Commissioner Kreis seconded. Insurance Recovery

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#5 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-17 – Transfers Out

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-17 for Transfers Out in the amount of \$1,025.76, Commissioner Snow seconded. Match Portion used in Tourism Enhancement Grant

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-18 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-18 for Sheriff's Dept in the amount of \$6,234.21, Commissioner Kreis seconded. Move Safety Grant to Appropriate Expenditure

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-19 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-19 for Sheriff's Dept in the amount of \$1,500.00, Commissioner Bryant seconded. Move money to different line items.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 122-1 – Drug Fund

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 122-1 for Drug Fund in the amount of \$8,365.26, Commissioner Lively seconded. Match of Grant for bullet proof vests.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 131-2 – Highways Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 131-2 for Highway Dept in the amount of \$42,487.79, Commissioner Walls seconded. Move money received into correct line item

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 171-1 - Tourism Enhancement Grant Match

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 171-1 for Tourism Enhancement Grant Match in the amount of \$1,025.76, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. Properly record the matching portion of the Tourism Enhancement Grant.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#11 – Motion – Budget Amendments #33-34 and 36-38 BOE

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment #33-34 & 36-38 for the Board of Education, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#12- Motion to Surplus Supplies from Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to surplus equipment from Sheriff's Dept, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#13 – Motion to Surplus Old EMS Fuel Pumps

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to surplus old EMS fuel pumps due to being removed from the EMS area, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Executive Langley asked Commissioner Anderson to elaborate on the Opioid Council. Commissioner Anderson stated that they used UT Smart to help in putting together the Resolution that Commission passed this evening. They will be continuing to work to help citizens with the substance abuse disorders. Commissioner Lively explained about the hiring of a part-time person to serve as the Community Navigator. This position will help bring the right people together to help citizens with substance abuse issues. She invited everyone to tour the Wilson Building on January 30 at 5:30.before their meeting.

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

Meeting Schedule

Budget Committee	-	February 10 – 6:00 pm
County Commission	-	February 10 – 7:00 pm