

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

April 14, 2025

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 14th day of April 2025. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Chief Deputy Rick Hamby called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Absent were: None

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

Invocation was led by Pastor David Graves

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor David Graves

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Safe Haven Baby Box	TDEC-3 Star Meeting
TCAT – Wartburg	Hotel- Back on schedule
Brushy/RV Park	EMS Station -Oakdale
April Child Abuse Prevention Month	
MoCo Brewery	Carl Towns – Scott Co. Landfill

Citizens Comments:

Cathleen - CEO Life Choices Medical Center – Faith based Pro-Abundant Life Pregnancy Center – they offer free pregnancy test, ultrasounds, parenting classes and a whole host of services and resources. It is all free to the public.

County Executive Langley stated that the county was donated some water that was left from the Hurricane Helene that occurred in upper TN.

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts to approve the March 10th meeting minutes and Trustees Report, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously (18/0)

#2 – Notaries – None.

#3 – Motion – Appointment of Rick Hamby as Sheriff

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve the appointment of Rick Hamby as Sheriff, Commissioner Roberts seconded. County Executive Langley read a letter from Rick applying for the position as well as a letter of support from District Attorney Russell Johnson. He was then sworn in by Judge Davis.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#4 – Motion – To Accept Resignation of County Attorney Tracey Williams

Commissioner Justes made a motion to accept the resignation of County Attorney Tracey Williams, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

County Executive introduced Jeremy Haynes who has applied for the position of County Attorney. Mr. Haynes explained his education and experience. He asked the commission for their support for his appointment as County Attorney.

#5 – Motion – To Appoint Jeremy Haynes as County Attorney

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to appoint Jeremy Haynes as County Attorney until the next election, Commissioner Adkisson seconded.

#5a – Motion – To Table until next meeting

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to table this motion until next month, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Executive Langley called for a roll call vote on the motion to table

Terry Jackson -	Yes	Janet Adkisson -	No
Randy Roberts -	Yes	Eli Anderson -	No
Johnny Lindsay -	Yes	Debbie Lively -	No
Fred Snow -	Yes	Steve Walls -	No
David Hennessee -	Yes	Vera Scarbrough -	No
Vernon Justes -	Yes	Susie Kreis -	No
Kenneth Morgan -	Yes		
Bobby Gibson -	Yes		
Doug Vespie -	Yes		
Melissa Bryant -	Yes		
Gary Kennedy -	Yes		
Rick Plank -	Yes		

Motion passed to table – 12/6

#6 – Resolution – To Amend Private Act to Allow Option to Hire or Appoint County Attorney

Commissioner Gibson made a motion to approve the amendment to the Private Act to allow the option to hire or appoint a county attorney, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#7 – Motion – To Accept Resignation of Judge Mike Davis

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to accept the resignation of Judge Mike Davis, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Judge Davis expressed his appreciation to all of Morgan County for allowing him to serve as Judge for 27 years.

#8 – Motion – To Advertise the General Sessions Judge Position

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to advertise the vacant General Sessions Judge position, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Budget Committee

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-26 – Chancery Court

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-26 for Chancery Court in the amount of \$129.99, Commissioner Justes seconded. Moving monies within budget.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-28 – Insurance Recoveries

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-28 for Insurance Recoveries office in the amount of \$13,334.71, Commissioner Justes seconded. Move monies within budget

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#11 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-29 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-29 for Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$8,000.00, Commissioner Kreis seconded. Move money within budget.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#12 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-30 – EMS/Ambulance

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-30 for EMS/Ambulance in the amount of \$16,000.00, Commissioner Jackson seconded. Supplement pay

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#13 – Motion – Budget Amendment BOE - #51-#54

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendments #51-#54 for Board of Education, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#14 – Motion – Surplus from Election Commission

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to surplus the trailer from the Election Commission, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.(18/0)

#15 – Motion – Approve Jail Food Service Contract

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the food service contract with a 5% increase, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#16 – Motion – Approval of EMS Proposed Rate Increase

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the proposed rate increase for EMS of \$125.00 per trip, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Executive Langley called for a roll call vote

Randy Roberts -	Yes	Terry Jackson -	No
Steve Walls -	Yes	Johnny Lindsay -	No
Vera Scarbrough -	Yes	Susie Kreis -	No
Fred Snow -	Yes	Janet Adkisson -	No
David Hennessee -	Yes	Eli Anderson -	No
Vernon Justes -	Yes		
Kenneth Morgan -	Yes		
Bobby Gibson -	Yes		
Doug Vespie -	Yes		
Melissa Bryant -	Yes		
Gary Kennedy -	Yes		
Rick Plank -	Yes		
Debbie Lively -	Yes		

Motion passed (13/5)

#17 – Motion – Fund Balance Purchases

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve purchases of an Ambulance, Backhoe, Roll-off Truck out of Fund Balance, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#18 – Approve Waste Reduction Grant

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve applying for a Waste Reduction Grant – out of pocket is 10% of 260,000.00 grant request which would be approximately \$26,000.00, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Building Committee

Commissioner Morgan stated that several things are being discussed and trying to get quotes on pricing for the following:

- Cleaning of brick on Courthouse
- Lighting between Courthouse and Annex
- Storage for office supplies

Industrial/Economic Committee

Commissioner Lindsay stated that a meeting was held this afternoon and there is a group called Morgan County Ridgeline Voices and they are concerned about the gas pipeline going through Morgan County and 7 other counties. They have drafted a Bobby Gibson, Susie Kries, Doug Vespie, Resolution they would like commission to consider. The committee voted to table this until next meting so that all commissioners could receive and examine a copy of the proposed resolution.

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

Meeting Schedule

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| Budget Committee | - | May 5 – 5:30 pm |
| Budget Committee | - | May 12 – 6:00 pm |
| County Commission | - | May 12 – 7:00 pm |
| Budget Committee | - | May 19 – 5:30 pm |
| Budget Committee | | May 27 – 5:30 pm |