

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

March 10, 2025

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 10th day of March 2025. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Chief Deputy Rick Hamby called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Absent were: Gary Kennedy

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

Invocation was led by Pastor Charles Webb

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Charles Webb

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Reflected on the lives lost in Morgan County this past month.

2 tornado victims Felicia Williams and Wendy Smith – Sheriff Potter – Bobby Hester

Asked Ethan Webb to explain about the tornado. The county did not meet the Federal threshold of \$13 million dollars to get aid. No funding for Morgan County from State. Hosting a weather class.

Citizens Comments:

Susan Havens – voiced concerns over Enbridge pipeline – safety issues within the county asked that people weigh the pros and cons of having the pipeline. She is very concerned about the environmental impact on the tourism in our community also.

Keith Havens – same concerns and the danger of explosions and the evacuation zones.

Kent Maniel – same concerns with landslides and explosions

Jennifer Keeler – the \$1 million bond that is being supplied for this endeavor is way to small

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts to approve the January 13th meeting minutes and Trustees Report, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously (17/0)

#2 – Notaries – Megan Borders, Lillian Carpenter, Cynthia Davidson, David Hennessee, Tammy Howard, Monica Rymer, Sandra Shannon, Jack Smith, Chelsie Spurling, Kristie Swint, Tracey Williams

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

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#3 – Resolution – Authorizing the Submission of a 2025 Community Development Block Grant Program Application to Fund an EMS Station

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolution concerning the 2025 CDBG Grant Application, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#4 – Resolution – To Request Unclaimed Balance of Accounts Remitted to State Treasurer Under Unclaimed Property Acct

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolution concerning Unclaimed Property, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#5 – Resolution – Authorizing a 2025 Tennessee Housing Development Agency Homeowner Rehabilitation Grant Application

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolution concerning the 2025 Home Rehabilitation Grant, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#6 – Resolution – Requesting State Funding for Tornado Victims

Commissioner Kreis made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolution concerning the request for State Funding for Tornado Victims, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#7 – Resolution – To Name Section of Hwy 27 for Russell Scott

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolution concerning the naming of a section of Hwy 27 after Russell Scott, Commissioner Lively seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Executive Langley stated that is was the intent to appoint Rick Hamby as interim Sheriff until next election, however, the position must be posted first. The deadline is March 31, 2025 to submit POST qualifications and the appointment will be April 14, 2025.

#8 – Motion – To Post the County Attorney Position

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve the aforementioned Motion concerning the posting of the County Attorney position if that is how the county has to handle it. Executive Langley will make sure this is the correct procedure in handling this, Commissioner Lively seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Budget Committee

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-20 – Chancery Court

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-20 for Chancery Court in the amount of \$71.73, Commissioner Morgan seconded. Software backup

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-21 – Property Assessor's Office

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-21 for Property Assessor's office in the amount of \$2,900.00, Commissioner Hennessee seconded. Audit Cost

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#11 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-22 – Health Department -Opioid Abatement

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-22 for Health Department – Opioid Abatement in the amount of \$51,500.00, Commissioner Morgan seconded. Part-time navigator position

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#12 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-23 – Finance & Trustee's Office

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-23 for Finance & Trustee's Office in the amount of \$30,763.15, Commissioner Morgan seconded. Software updates.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#13 – Motion – Budget Amendment BOE - #39-#50

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendments #39-#50 for Board of Education, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#14 – Motion – Surplus Library Printer

Commissioner Justes made a motion to surplus the library printer, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.(17/0)

#15 – Motion – To Keep Sheriff Potter's Insurance Until End of Election Term

Commissioner Justes made a motion to keep Sheriff Potter's insurance in effect until August 31, 2026, Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#16 – Motion – Approval of Supplies For Wet Well Pump at Wartburg Transfer Station with PUD Assistance

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve the purchase of supplies to repair the wet well pump issue at the Wartburg Transfer Station, the cost is approximately \$28,000.00, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Back Tax

#17 – To Put Property 2024-11 (Vicki Johnson property) out for 2nd Bid

Commissioner Hennessee made a motion to put the above mentioned property out for 2nd round of bidding. The bidding will start at \$1,650.00, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Finance Committee

#18 – Motion – Personnel Policy Updates

Commissioner Snow made a motion to approve the Personnel Policy updates, Commissioner Morgan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#19 – Motion – Cyber Security Addition to Internal Control Policy

Commissioner Snow made a motion to approve the updated Cyber Security policy to the Internal Control Policy, Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#20 – Motion – Allow Circuit Court Clerk to Pay Overtime instead of Comp Time Until June 30,2025 as Long as Budget Allows

Commissioner Lively made a motion to approve the paying of overtime to the Circuit Court Clerk employees through June 30, 2025 or until she expends all the budget, Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#21 – Motion to Add Sourcewell to County Grant Policies

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve the addition of Sourcewell to County Grant policies, Commissioner Morgan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

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

Meeting Schedule

Road Committee	-	March 25 – 5 pm – Road Department
Building Committee	-	March 27 – 5 pm – Courtroom
Industrial/Economic Comm	-	April 14 – 5 pm - Courtroom
Budget Committee	-	April 14 – 6:00 pm
County Commission	-	April 14 – 7:00 pm