

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

June 30, 2025

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 30th day of June 2025. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Sheriff 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 and Steve Walls, Johnny Lindsay, Vera Scarbrough, Fred Snow

Absent were: None

Also present: was Director of Finance Crystal Garrett and Morgan County Clerk Cheryl Collins where and when the following had and entered to wit:

Invocation was led by Pastor Seth Stewart

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Seth Stewart

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

ETDD Meeting	Mountain Laurel Festival
RSCC Foundation	County Attorney Interviews
RPO Meetings	Road Dedications
Dana Fox – Signs	New Convenience Center – Oakdale
Senior Citizens Event	ECDB Meeting
Enrichment FCU -Splash Pad	

Citizens Comments:

Randi Anderson – Hwy 62 project

David Jackson – Car Counter numbers at Petros junction

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts to approve the May 12th meeting minutes and Trustees Report, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously (18/0)

#2 – Notaries – Elizabeth Cingle, Cecilia Cook, Mark Currier, Jennifer Deluca, Marla Hines, MaryJo Labarge, Stephanie Malone, David Mitchell, Michelle Shadden, Pamela Turk

Motion made by Commissioner Scarbrough to approve the aforementioned notaries, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#3 – Motion to Appoint County Attorney

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to accept the appointment of Andrew Thompson as County Attorney, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#4 – Motion to Institute a Contract for 1 year for County Attorney

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to institute a contract for County Attorney for 1 year then revisit in August of 2026 for a 4 year contract to parallel with election cycle, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#5 – Motion - To Re-appoint Library Board Members

Commissioner Snow made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Diana Smith and Debbie Christopher to the Morgan County Library Board, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#6 – Motion – To Re-Appoint (4) Members to the Economic Development Board

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Dolman Roberts, Tim Johnson, Tubby Williams and Vic Davis to the Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#7 – Motion – To Appoint Member to the Economic Development Board for Vacant position

Executive Langley stated that there is a vacant position for the Wartburg area and the Economic Board recommended Kellie Kidd and Bill Shannon. Executive Langley called for a roll call vote.

Bobby Gibson -	Kidd	Susie Kreis –	Shannon
Doug Vespie -	Kidd	Randy Roberts -	Shannon
Melissa Bryant -	Kidd	Steve Walls -	Shannon
Gary Kennedy -	Kidd	Vera Scarbrough -	Shannon
Rick Plank -	Kidd		
Janet Adkisson -	Kidd		
Eli Anderson -	Kidd		
Debbie Lively -	Kidd		
Terry Jackson -	Kidd		
Johnny Lindsay -	Kidd		
Fred Snow -	Kidd		
David Hennessee -	Kidd		
Vernon Justes -	Kidd		
Kenneth Morgan -	Kidd		

Motion passed with Kidd being appointed 14/4)

#8 – Motion – To Surplus Equipment from Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to surplus 2011 Crown Vic to EMA, Commissioner Plank seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#9 – Motion – Increase Civil Service Board Meeting Pay

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to increase the Civil Service Board pay from \$50.00 per meeting to \$75.00, Commissioner Jackson seconded. This money will come out of the Sheriff's Dept. budget.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Executive Langley congratulated Carissa Swint in winning the National Championship in welding sculpting. He then introduced Chris Whaley with Roane State and Chris Ayers with TCAT. Mr. Ayers and TCAT/RSCC are looking at the county owned property behind the current Morgan County Roane State to establish a TCAT facility in Morgan County. Mr. Ayers has submitted a proposal to TBR for a brick and mortar training facility to be

built on that site. The state still has to approve this but the process is in the works. Chris Whaley spoke about the up coming opportunities for young people in our area.

#10 – Resolution – Transfer of Property to Economic Development Board
Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the transfer of county property to the Economic Development Board, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#10 – Resolution – Making Appropriations for the Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices and Agencies

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Resolution for Appropriations, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#11 – Resolution – Tax Levy 2025-26

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the 2025-26 Tax Levy Resolution, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Budget Committee

#12 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-36 – Fire Prevention & Control

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-36 for Fire Prevention & Control in the amount of \$5,000.00, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. Donation from East TN Foundation for fire departments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#13 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-37 – Jail

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-37 Jail in the amount of \$199,161.00, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#14 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-38 – Sheriff's Dept

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-38 Sheriff's Dept in the amount of \$241,015.12, Commissioner Lively seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#14 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-39 – Other Emergency Management (E911)

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-39 Other Emergency Management (E-911) in the amount of \$55,200.00, Commissioner Kreis seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#15 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-40 – Ambulance/EMS

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-40 Ambulance/EMS in the amount of \$139,700.00, Commissioner Bryant seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#16 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-41 – County Buildings

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-41 County Buildings in the amount of \$44,898.00, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#17 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-42 – Circuit Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-42 Circuit Court in the amount of \$13,645.93, Commissioner Hennessee seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#18 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-44 – General Sessions Judge

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-44 General Sessions Judge in the amount of \$2,570.00, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#19 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-45 – Election Commission

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-45 Election Commission in the amount of \$11,880.60, Commissioner Justes seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#20 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-46 – Libraries

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-46 Libraries in the amount of \$25,712.00, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#21 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-47 – Other Local Health

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-47 Other Local Health in the amount of \$11,500.00, Commissioner Bryant seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#22 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-48 – Juvenile Services

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-48 Juvenile Services in the amount of \$4,300.05, Commissioner Bryant seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#23 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-49 – County Coroner

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-49 County Coroner in the amount of \$35,000.00, Commissioner Jackson seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#24 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-52 – Property Assessor

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-52 Property Assessor in the amount of \$2,720.81, Commissioner Walls seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#25 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-53 – Miscellaneous

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-53 Miscellaneous in the amount of \$15,150.00, Commissioner Bryant seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#26 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-55 – Crippled Children's Services

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-55 Crippled Children's Services in the amount of \$1,300.00, Commissioner Kreis seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#27 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-56 – Chancery Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-56 Chancery Court in the amount of \$1,370.08, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#28 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-62 – Courtroom Security

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-62 Courtroom Security in the amount of \$4,593.37, Commissioner Kreis seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#29 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-64 – Election Commission

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-64 Election Commission in the amount of \$1,950.00, Commissioner Hennessee seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#30 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-66 – Property Assessor

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-66 Property Assessor in the amount of \$1,850.00, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#31 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-7 – Sanitation Management

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-7 Sanitation Management in the amount of \$209,392.00, Commissioner Justes seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#32 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-9 – Other/Miscellaneous

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-9 Other/Miscellaneous in the amount of \$4,000.00, Commissioner Jackson seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#33 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-11 – Sanitation Management

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-11 Sanitation Management in the amount of \$5,165.37, Commissioner Jackson seconded. End of year adjustments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#34 – Motion – Budget Amendment 131-3 – Highway Dept.

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendment 131-3 for Highway Dept. in the amount of \$103,900.00, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#35 – Motion – Budget Amendment BOE - #64-#82

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve budget amendments #64-#82 for Board of Education, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#36 – Motion – To Approve Solid Waste Grant

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve a Solid Waste Grant application with a \$13,000.00 match, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed (18/0)

Back Tax Committee

Commissioner Hennessee stated they approve two items and made a motion to approve the following:

Final Sale of Vicky Johnson property in Oakdale – highest bidder Susie Payne for \$1,500.00
Approved the sale the Mineral Rights to Regina West for \$100.00.

Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Finance Committee

Executive Langley stated there are a couple of items to vote on.

#37 – Motion – Update Personnel Policy

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the updating of the personnel policy concerning employees transferring from schools to county departments will be allowed to carry-over 10 years full of service, Commissioner Justes.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#38 – Motion – Independent Contractors to have Contract in place

Commissioner Hennessee made a motion to approve the Contract mandate for all Independent Contractors to keep liability off of the county, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Building Committee

Commissioner Morgan stated the committee recommends that the County Executive's office have control of the Wilson Building for use.

#39 – Motion to County Executive to have Authority over the Wilson Building

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve the authority of County Executive to oversee the building, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Audit Committee

Chairman Melissa Kreis stated that there was only 1 finding in the Office of finance. The payroll liability accounts were not reconciled accurately and timely The Director of Finance is watching this and will make corrections as necessary.

Commissioner Kreis invited everyone to the July 4 parade in Deer Lodge. Also there will be a second round of Hometown Hero banners ordered. Visit the American Legion building to order.

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

Meeting Schedule

Road Committee		July 15 – 5 pm – Road Department
Budget Committee	-	August 11 – 6:00 pm ??
County Commission		August 11 – 7:00 pm