

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

February 9, 2026

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 9th day of February 2026. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Captain Mike Wren called the session to order.

The following members were present:

Janet Adkisson, Tony Dagley, Debbie Lively, Terry Jackson, Randy Roberts, Steve Walls, Johnny Lindsay, Vera Scarbrough, Fred Snow, David Hennessee, Vernon Justes, Kenneth Morgan, Susie Kries, Doug Vespie, Melissa Bryant, Gary Kennedy, and Rick Plank

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 Chris Bumbalough

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Chris Bumbalough

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Economic Development – 139 acres	TDEC Workshop
ETDD – Mayor's Retreat	Memory of Lost Morgan Co Citizens

Citizens Comments:

Commissioner Dagley asked about the removal of Ms. Rogers from the School Board due to moving out of district. Executive Langley stated that he has spoken with our county attorney and it is a School Board problem.

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

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

Motion passed unanimously (17/0)

Executive Langley asked the UT Extension Office Director Angela Personini to introduce the winners of the Public Speaking contest. The 2 winners were Sam and Andrew Schubert. They both shared their speeches.

#2 – Notaries – Jenna Bercaw, John Davis, Celia Hastings, Joe Lester, Dawn Perry, Brian Reynolds, Mayayla Smith, Samantha Walker

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

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#3 – Motion – To Nominate All Candidates 4th District Commissioner

Commissioner Justes made a motion to nominate all the candidates Margaret Gibson, Melissa Kreis and Glen Moore to the 4th District Commission seat, Commissioner Lively seconded. Executive Langley called for a roll call vote

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Executive Langley call for a roll call vote:

Terry Jackson - Moore

Randy Roberts	-	Gibson
Steve Walls	-	Gibson
Johnny Lindsay	-	Kreis
Vera Scarbrough	-	Gibson
Fred Snow	-	Gibson
David Hennessee	-	Kreis
Vernon Justes	-	Gibson
Kenneth Morgan	-	Gibson
Susie Kreis	-	Kreis
Doug Vespie	-	Gibson
Melissa Bryant	-	Kreis
Gary Kennedy	-	Gibson
Rick Plank	-	Gibson
Janet Adkisson	-	Gibson
Tony Dagley	-	Gibson
Debbie Lively	-	Gibson

Margaret Gibson – 12 Melissa Kreis – 4 Glen Moore – 1

Margaret Gibson was appointed and sworn in to office.

#4 – Resolution – Requesting State of Tennessee Assistance for Morgan County Due to Rural Disadvantages

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve the Resolution requesting the State of TN Assistance for Morgan County due to rural disadvantages, Commissioner Roberts seconded. This is to ask state for more monies due to state owning 16% of the land in Morgan County that we get no tax monies from.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#5 – Resolution – Te Request Unclaimed Balance of Accounts Remitted to State Treasurer under the Unclaimed Property Act

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Resolution for the unclaimed balance of accounts, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Budget Committee

#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-24 – Jail

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-24 for Jail in the amount of \$8,000.00, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

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

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-26 for Chancery Court in the amount of \$125.76, Commissioner Snow seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-4 – Sale of Equipment

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-4 for Sale of Equipment in the amount of \$11,100.00, Commissioner Kreis seconded.
Sale of Truck

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment BOE #36-38

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendments #36-38 for Board of Education , Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Budget Committee – Tuesday, February 17 @ 6:00 pm

Road Department

Commissioner Walls asked Road Superintendent Joe Miller to explain the Transportation Safety Grant. Mr. Miller stated that adopting this safety action plan allows the county to apply for more federal grants for road improvement. They have a steering committee to help develop the plan. The grants that can be applied for are 80/20 grants.

#10 – Resolution – Approve Transportation Safety Action Plan for Morgan County

Commissioner Kreis made a motion to approve the Transportation Safety Action Plan for Morgan County, Commissioner Walls seconded. All match for grants would come from the Highway Department funds.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Solid Waste

Commissioner Jackson stated a meeting was held on January 29 to discuss several things with solid waste.

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| Expansion of Wartburg Landfill | Expansion of Deer Lodge properties |
| Recycling | Annual APR Report 62.4% |
| Future purchase of truck scales | |

Jail Mitigation Committee meeting – February 26 @5:00 pm

#11 – Motion – Appoint Margaret Gibson to all Committees than Robert Gibson was Appointed to

Commissioner Hennessee made a motion to appoint Margaret Gibson to the committees that Robert Gibson was appointed to, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Solid Waste Committee – March 5th – 5:00 pm

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 | - | February 17 – 6:00 pm |
| Budget Committee | - | February 23 – 6:00 pm |
| Jail Mitigation | - | February 26 – 5:00 pm |
| Budget Committee | - | March 2 – 6:00 pm |
| Solid Waste Committee | - | March 5 – 5:00 pm |
| Budget Committee | - | March 9 – 6:00 pm |
| County Commission | - | March 9 – 7:00 pm |