

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

March 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 March 2026. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Sheriff Rick Hamby called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Absent were: Vera Scarbrough, Gary Kennedy

Also present: were 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 John Bonham

Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Bonham

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Spoke about the deaths of employees at the prison.

Citizens Comments: None

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts to approve the February 9th meeting minutes and Trustees Report, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously (16/0)

#2 – Notaries – Angela Anderson, Amanda Jensen, Marcia Johnson, Ira Jones and Tiffeney Yeary

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

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#3 – Resolution – Honoring the Life of Derrick Bonham

Commissioner Justes made a motion to to approve the Resolution honoring the life of Derrick Bonham, Commissioner Morgan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#4 – Motion – 4 year Re-apportionment Plan

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the 4-year Re-apportionment plan with 2 year indexing, Commissioner Jackson seconded. Commissioner Lively asked for a little more explanation. Assessor Ellis explained that this will help the county to better keep up with the market values of property so that the county does not lose money.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Budget Committee

#5 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-28 – Sheriff's Dept

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-28 for the Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$37,902.25, Commissioner Kreis seconded. Purchase truck for litter.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-30 – Parks and Fair Boards

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-30 for Parks & Fair boards in the amount of \$10,000.00, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-31 – County Buildings

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-31 for County Buildings in the amount of \$7,000.00, Commissioner Jackson seconded. Coalfield concession stand bathroom project

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#8 -Motion – Surplus Old EMS Portable Radios

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to surplus 3 old Vertex portable radios that have not been used in over 15 years, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#9 – Motion – Lease-Purchase Postage Machine in Finance Office

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to renew the lease-purchase of postage machine in the Finance office, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Jail Mitigation

Commissioner Morgan stated that they committee met with Bob Bass of TCI and let him know that the state is in the process of giving the county some property across from the prison for a jail. Executive Langley stated that is is currently 20 acres but may be added to for the landfill.

Road Committees

Commissioner Walls stated that the Road Committee is recommending that the old convenience center land in Oakdale be given to the Highway dept for a chip shed and a brine storage area. The intent is to improve the highway departments ability to respond to areas faster in times of weather related issues.

#10 – Motion – To Let the Highway Department Occupy the Old Convenience Center Property in Oakdale

Commissioner Walls made a motion to let the highway department occupy the old convenience center property in Oakdale to construct a chip shed and brine storage area, Commissioner Lively seconded. This is contingent upon TDEC inspection approval of site.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Solid Waste

Commissioner Jackson stated that they discussed the purchase of a small piece of property that abuts the Deer Lodge Convenience Center property. The owners are willing to sell at a cost of \$5200.00 and the county would pay all closing fees.

#11 – Motion – Purchase of Property in Deer Lodge for Convenience Center

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to purchase property attached to the Deer Lodge Convenience Center at a cost of \$5200.00, Commissioner Lively seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.(16/0)

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

Meeting Schedule

Budget Committee
County Commission

- April 13 – 6:00 pm
- April 13 – 7:00 pm