

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

April 13, 2026

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 13th day of April 2026. 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, Kenneth Morgan, Margaret Gibson, Susie Kries, Doug Vespie, Melissa Bryant, Gary Kennedy, Rick Plank, Janet Adkisson, Tony Dagley, Debbie Lively, Terry Jackson, Randy Roberts, Steve Walls, Johnny Lindsay, Vera Scarbrough and Fred Snow

Absent were: None

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 EMS Director Doug Laymance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by EMS Director Doug Laymance

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Meeting with State about Land for Landfill ECD Board – Land
Enbridge

Citizens Comments: Adam Leftwich – issue with the gas line replacement company blocking the road and if something could be done to help with this situation.

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

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

Motion passed unanimously (18/0)

#2 – Notaries – Kimberly Clark, Linda Griffith, Karla Kitchens, Lori Simpson and Dillon Wilson

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

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Executive Langley asked Enbridge and Michaels Construction Company to make their presentation. Enbridge representative stated that they are working on both ends of county and get the line in the ground. Michaels representative stated that they are 40% of line on ground 30% welded together. They will work to meet the deadline of November 1. They will have restoration continuing until complete.

#3 – Resolution – TCRS – Sick Leave

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to to approve the Resolution for TCRS on sick leave, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#4 – Motion – Civil Service Board Appointments

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve the following people to the Civil Service Board

Joel Warick – 1 year appointment

Dan Shoemaker – 2 year appointment
Kenny Sheldon – 3 year appointment

Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#5 – Motion – Library Board Appointments

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve the following members to the Morgan County Library Board

Carol Beene

Emily Fix

Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18-0)

Budget Committee

#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-33 – EMS

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-33 for Ambulance/EMS in the amount of \$30,303.03, Commissioner Bryant seconded. Grant for equipment purchases.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-35 – Ambulance/EMS

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-35 for Ambulance/EMS in the amount of \$16,000.00, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. Appropriate the training supplement into budget

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-36 – Chancery Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-36 for Chancery Court in the amount of \$379.99, Commissioner Kreis seconded. Move monies within budget and use some of the offices reserve funds.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-37 – County Buildings

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-37 for County Buildings in the amount of \$65,200.00, Commissioner Kreis seconded. Use TNRMT grant left from previous year as well as cover overages on the Coalfield Concession stand grant

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-5 – Sanitation Management

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-5 for Sanitation Management in the amount of \$66,510.00, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

End of year budget amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#11 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-8 – Miscellaneous

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-8 for Miscellaneous in the amount of \$4,988.00, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. End of year budget amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#12 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-10 – Sanitation Management

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-10 for Sanitation Management in the amount of \$21,153.59, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

This is TNRMT insurance money received for landfill fire damages.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#13 – Motion – Budget Amendment 131-3 – Highway Dept

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 131-3 for Highway Dept. in the amount of \$102,100.00, Commissioner Kreis seconded. End of year budget amendments..

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#14 – Motion – BOE - #39-#49

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment #39-#49 for Board of Education, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#15 -Motion – Surplus EMS Portable Radios

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to surplus portable radios from EMS, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#16 Motion – Approve Hiring Employee in Finance Office

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve hiring a part-time employee for a lapse because of an employee leaving and needing to cover the shortage, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Solid Waste

Commissioner Jackson stated that the property that abuts the Deer Lodge Convenience Center has been purchased and are working on the deed. The county is also working with the state on the land for the landfill. Director Kilby stated they think the fire started by a cell phone battery. The insurance is hopefully going to cover overtime hours and restoration work. He thanked Michael Construction for the water trucks, the County Volunteer Fire Departments, the TDOC and all the people that helped in trying to put the fire out.

Next meeting April 23 – 5:00 pm

Building Committee meeting – 6:00 pm

Finance

Executive Langley stated the Finance Committee met and amended the personnel policy for training new employees.

#17 – Motion – Amendment to Personnel Policy for Supplemental Pay for Absences & Training

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the amendment to the personnel policy for supplemental pay for absences & training, Commissioner Justes seconded. This will allow clerical pay to received an additional \$500.00 per pay period for training new employees in office in the instances of FMLA, Worker's Comp or Supervisor approved personal leave. If this is part-time employee the compensation will be \$250.00. This is limited to 4 weeks.

Motion passed unanimously.(18/0)

Road Committee meeting – May 5 – 5:00pm at Highway Dept.

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

Meeting Schedule

Solid Waste Committee		April 23 – 5:00 pm
Building Committee		April 23 - 6:00 pm
Road Committee		May 5 – 5:00 pm
Budget Committee	-	May 11 – 6:00 pm
County Commission	-	May 11 – 7:00 pm