

## MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

December 13, 2021

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Chief Deputy William Angel called the session to order.

The following members were present:

Melissa Bryant, Michael McGrath, Jerry Zorsch, Janet Adkisson, Eli Anderson, Terry Jackson, Randy Roberts, Steve Walls, Earl Headrick, Vera Scarbrough, Fred Snow, David Hennessee, Bill Shannon, Robert Byrd, Susie Kreis and Michael Raiford

Absent were: Freddie Seavers, Vernon Justes

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

Invocation was led by Pastor David Graves

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor David Graves

Chairman Langley began his Executive Report. The following occurred this month:

Morgan Leadership	PUD – Meeting – RV Park
Safety Grant (TN Risk Mgmt)	Governors Rural Summit
Opioid Lawsuit	Jail Mitigation Committee Meeting
Conference - Bail Bond Legislation	DA Johnson – Meeting – Wilson Bldg
Website – Back Tax	\$4900.00 Medical Waste Bill
Courthouse Doors	JECD Meeting
Parade Grand Marshall	Hanging of Wreath – Estes Cemetery
Christmas Dinners	

Citizens Comments:

Randi Anderson asked about Highway 62 – In preliminary engineering stage

### **#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements**

Motion made by Commissioner Zorsch and seconded by Commissioner Shannon to approve the November 8, 2021, minutes, and the trustees report.

Motion passed unanimously (16/0)

### **#2 – Notaries** – Madelin Tucker

Motion made by Commissioner Scarbrough to approve the aforementioned notary applicant; Commissioner Kries seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

### **#3 – Resolution – Adopt Authorizing Morgan County to Join w/State in Opioid Abatement Agreement**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the adoption of the Resolution authorizing Morgan County to join the state and other local governments as participants in the TN state subdivision opioid abatement agreement and approving the related settlement agreements, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Executive Langley made a presentation of plaques to EMS Director Doug Lamance for his service and for being named the Region II Administrator of the Year. Doug is a very

dedicated employee, and his level of experience and administration of the Ambulance Service has helped Morgan County greatly.

**#4 – Approval of Requirements to Name a Road or Bridge in Morgan County**

Commissioner Kreis made a motion to approve the requirements to name a road or bridge in Morgan County and to be added the road specification, Commissioner Zorsch seconded. These requirements will help the Road Committee when someone asks to name a road/bridge after an individual.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#5 – Motion – Approval of ARC Grant Pre-Application**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the pre-application for an ARC Grant for construction of restroom facility and maintenance building at the RV Park, Commissioner Bryant seconded. The Grant request is for \$475,000.00 with \$142,500.00 match. Executive Langley does not see this costing this much but will apply for the greatest amount of grant. The county will manage the RV park initially and will look at this in the future when the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of park is completed.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**Budget Committee**

**#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-10 – Other Uses**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-10 in the amount of \$20,178.75 for overages in the Health Dept Grant, Commissioner McGrath seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-11 – American Rescue Plan**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-11 in the amount of \$2,130.16 to correct ARP monies, Commissioner Shannon seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-3 – American Rescue Plan**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-3 in the amount of \$113.02 to correct ARP monies, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 131-3 – American Rescue Plan**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 131-3 in the amount of \$79.95 to correct ARP monies, Commissioner Shannon seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-12 – Civil Defense**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-12 in the amount of \$815.25 reimbursing civil defense for water damage to vehicle, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#11 – Motion – Budget Amendments #43-46 for BOE**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Board of Education budget amendment #43-46, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)



Commissioner Roberts stated in answer to the questions last month about the salary line item for Covid monies. It is a 3-year plan to pay Assistant Principals out of Covid monies and use their budgeted monies for other expenses in the school system

**#12 – Motion – ARPA Grant - Libraries**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the application for Coalfield Library for a ARPA Grant, this is a grant for \$8400.00 with a \$412.00 match which will come out of the Coalfield Libraries funds, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#13 – Motion – Surplus Finance Office Furniture**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to allow the finance office to surplus old furniture, which is being replaced, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**Road Committee**

Commissioner Walls stated that a road needing to be added to the County Road List. It is Alyssa Drive in Oakdale. The right of way has been deeded to the county and meets all current road specifications. The right of way is 50' with the length being .549 or 2898'.

**#14 – Motion – Add Alyssa Drive to County Road List**

Commissioner Walls made a motion to add road to list, Commissioner McGrath seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Commissioner Walls asked Road Superintendent Joe Miller to explain the new technology for re-sleeving culverts. This is called Thermoform Form and Fold PVC Culvert liner. This technology will help the county in the future for old culverts.

Road Superintendent Miller also stated that Morgan County Road Department has received for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time a Success Story Award for the composite bridge on Elizabeth Church Road. He was very proud of this Award.

Road Superintendent Miller also presented a request to apply for a Transportation Planning Grant. This is a Pilot Program. This grant is 90/10 cash match, we can pay the 10% out of Highway funds that must be committed to his project. The grant is for a massive amount of data collection to assist in planning as well as a Road List Audit at the Highway Department. Upon completion of the plan, it is required to be accepted by Resolution through General County for the Morgan County Highway Department. I appreciate your support on this request and I agree to commit the necessary funds to this grant out of our operating budget.

**#15 – Motion to Approve Request to Apply for TPG Grant**

Commissioner Walls made a motion to approve the Morgan County Highway Department to apply for the Transportation Planning Grant of a 90/10 match with the Highway Department using funds for the match, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**Jail Mitigation Committee**

Commissioner Zorsch stated that a meeting was held on November 22 with Bob Bass in attendance. Mr. Bass suggested that the County stop go back and reevaluate the situation and lay out a new plan. The next meeting will be held January 10, 2022, at 4pm.

Executive Langley presented a list of members to be re-appointed to the 911 Board and they are:

Kathy Carroll - December 31, 2025  
Jody Zorsch - December 31, 2025

**#16 – Motion - To Approve Re-Appointment of 911 Board Members**

Commissioner Zorsch made a motion to approve the re-appointment of the members, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Executive Langley also presented a new member to fill a seat on the ECD board. Ms. Sara Jo Goodman has resigned, and the board voted to appoint Jonathan Dagley to fill this seat.

**#17 – Motion – Approval of Jonathan Dagley to ECD Board**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the appointment of Jonathan Dagley to the ECD Board, Commissioner Bryant 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**

Jail Mitigation	-Monday, Jan 10 4:00 pm
Budget Meeting	-Monday, Jan 10 6:00 pm
Commission Meeting	-Monday, Jan 10 7:00 pm