

## MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

September 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 September 2021. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Sheriff Wayne Potter called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Absent were: Vernon Justes, Bill Shannon, Michael Raiford and Freddie Seavers

Also present: Melinda Jones, Finance Dept Representative where and when the following had and entered to wit:

Invocation was led by Pastor Keith Kilby

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Keith Kilby

Executive Langley opened the floor for nomination for election of Chairman of County Commission

Commissioner Zorsch nominated Executive Langley as Chairman; Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Commissioner Snow made a motion to cease nominations and elect Executive Langley as Chairman of County Commission by acclamation, Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14-0)

Commissioner Hennessee nominated Commissioner Scarbrough as Chairman Pro-Temp; Commissioner Zorsch seconded.

Commissioner Snow made a motion to cease nominations and elect Commissioner Scarbrough as Chairman Pro-Temp, Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14-0)

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

Remodel of Courtroom	American Rescue Plan Monies
TN Achieves Webinar	TDOT – Road Projects 27/62
Volkswagen Grant	County Mayor Association Meeting
9-11 Ceremony	

Citizens Comments:

Steve Potter stated that the Morgan County Fair did well this year and they plan to have another mud sling on October 8-9 if all things go as planned.

Bridgett Defee stated that the Chamber is sponsoring the first ever cultural event in Morgan County. It is a Native American Celebration on October 29-31 at Solomon Park.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the August 16, 2021, minutes and the trustees report.

Motion passed unanimously (14/0)

**#2 – Notaries** – Leigha Brown, Cynthia Davidson and Charles Duncan  
Motion made by Commissioner Zorsch to approve the aforementioned notary applicants; Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

**#3 – Resolution – Naming Bridge over Whites Creek the Branstetter Brothers Memorial Bridge**

Commissioner Kreis made a motion to approve the naming of the bridge over Whites Creek to the Branstetter Brothers Memorial Bridge, Commissioner Walls seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

**#4 – Resolution – Naming of Hwy 329 – Veteran’s Memorial Hwy**

Commissioner Kreis made a motion to approve the naming of Hwy 329 the Veteran’s Memorial Hwy, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

**#5 – Motion – Permanently Increase E-911 Dispatcher Salaries by .75 per hour**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to adopt this increase in pay for Dispatchers of .75 per hour, this was approved last year by budget amendment only and needed to be made permanent, Commissioner Byrd seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

**#6 – Motion – COVID Testing Policy**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Covid Testing Policy with updates to be made later, if necessary, after speaking with Morgan County Health Dept and OSHA standards, Commissioner Byrd seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

**#7 – Motion – Surplus of Courtroom Benches**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the surplus of courtroom benches, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

**Budget Committee**

**#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-2 – Other Uses**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-2 in the amount of \$19,327.00 for transfer of funds with in the Health Department, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

**#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-3 – Ambulance/EMS**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-3 in the amount of \$4,900.58 for contract payoff, Commissioner Byrd seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

**#10 – Motion – Budget Amendments #10-16 for BOE**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Board of Education budget amendment #10-16, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

**#11 – Motion – Extend ETHRA Contract for Custodial Services**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the extension of the ETHRA contract for 6 months – the contract pays salaries the county pays Medicare, social security and benefits, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

**Park & Recreation Board**

Commissioner Jackson stated that they spoke about the 10-year parks plan and Coalfield Park presented a plan to apply for grant. The board voted to apply for LPRF grant for Coalfield Park concession stand and restrooms. They are unsure of the total amount of grant currently. However, the hope of the Coalfield community is to meet the required match with in-kind labor and such, so no county funds will be needed.

**#12 – Motion – Approval to Apply for LPRF Grant**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve applying for grant, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

- Road Committee meeting – Monday, Sept. 27 6:00 pm – Road Dept
- Jail Mitigation Committee meeting – Monday, Sept 27 7:00 pm – Road Dept
- Reapportionment Committee meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 14 6:00 pm Courtroom
  - Thursday, Sept. 16
  - Tuesday, Sept. 21
  - Thursday, Sept. 23

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

**Meeting Schedule**

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| Reapportionment Committee | -Tuesday, Sept. 14 6:00 pm |
|                           | -Thursday, Sept 16         |
|                           | -Tuesday, Sept 21          |
|                           | -Thursday, Sept 23         |
| Road Committee            | -Monday, Sept 27 6:00 pm   |
| Jail Mitigation Committee | -Monday, Sept 27 7:00 pm   |
| Budget Meeting            | -Monday, Oct. 11 6:00 pm   |
| Commission Meeting        | -Monday, Oct. 11 7:00 pm   |