

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

March 14, 2022

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 14th day of March 2022. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Sheriff Wayne Potter called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Absent were: Melissa Bryant and Freddie Seavers

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 Evangelist Bobby Stewart

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Evangelist Bobby Stewart

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

Local Utilities -ARP Funding	Building Committee
ETHRA	Leadership Morgan
Hereaus	Matthew Ward Return
Morgan County Schools	Sunbright/PUD – Sewer meeting
Audit Committee	Historical Society Dinner
ETHRA Opioid Problem	TN Government Day
CDBG Grant	Senior Citizens Meetings
Commodities	

Citizens Comments:

Steve Potter – announced the Morgan County Fair dates – July 25-30, they will also have three horse shows and another mud sling on June 4 or 5

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Justes to approve the February 14, 2021, minutes, and the trustees report.

Motion passed unanimously (16/0)

#2 – Notaries – Mandy Armes-Pemberton, Marcia Kay Johnson, Ira Jones, Mattie Lamance, Susan Noe, Rachel Agard, Robert Rogers

Motion made by Commissioner Scarbrough to approve the aforementioned notary applicants; Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Recognition of Warden Mike Parris

Executive Langley wanted to recognize Warden Mike Parris for receiving the award of Warden of the Year from the North American Association of Warden and Superintendents for 2022. Executive Langley praised the accomplishments of Warden Parris along with all the help he has afforded Morgan County Government with the aid of inmates. Warden Parris stated he wanted to complement his employees for working very hard when they were down 235 employees. They still graduated. He stated that they have hired 100 back and are working hard to keep moral up. Sheriff Potter also thanked Warden Parris for his help in situation with missing people and certain events.

Three Star Program

Executive Langley stated that to be in compliance with the 3-star program he must review the following items with commission:

Debt Management Policy
Annual Cash Flow Forecast
Internal Control Policy

#3 – Resolution – Request Unclaimed Balance of Accounts Remitted to State

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the resolution of unclaimed balance of accounts, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#4 – Resolution – ARC Grant

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to the ARC Grant Resolution for the RV Park, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Budget Committee

#5 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-21 – Ambulance/EMS

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-21 in the amount of \$10,777.94 for postage for new license plates, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (14/0)

#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-22 – Chancery Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-22 in the amount of \$82.30 for office supplies, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-23 – Chancery Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-23 in the amount of \$244.99 for purchase of Dell Monitor, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-24 – Ambulance/EMS

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-24 in the amount of \$10,178.05 for gasoline for EMS, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-25 – Other General Government Projects

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-25 in the amount of \$27,479.96 for Homeland Security Grant, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

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

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-26 in the amount of \$109.74 for office supplies, Commissioner Raiford seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#11 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-4 – American Rescue Plan

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-4 in the amount of \$102,950.43 for compactors and boxes for recycling, Commissioner Raiford seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#12 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-5 – American Rescue Plan

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-5 in the amount of \$223,234.00 for roll off truck and truck for recycling, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#13 – Motion – Budget Amendment 131-4 – Highway

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 131-4 in the amount of \$312,408.91 for bridge project revenue, Commissioner Walls seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#14 – Motion – Budget Amendment 171-2 – American Rescue Plan

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 171-2 in the amount of \$78,950.43 for move money for USDA Grant match, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#15 – Motion – Budget Amendment 171-3 – American Rescue Plan

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 171-3 in the amount of \$224,330.56 for Solid Waste and PRF funds, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#16– Motion – Budget Amendments #56-62 for BOE

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Board of Education budget amendment #56-62, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#17 – Motion – EMS Rate Increase

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the increase in rates for EMS Services, Commissioner Justes seconded. A survey was completed in the surrounding counties, and this was an average of the lowest increases.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#18 – Motion - Health Department Education Support Grant

Commissioner Roberts made motion to approve the health department education grant, Commissioner Snow seconded. This is a no match grant for educational opportunities for current employees.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#19 – Motion - Approval of Changing of Insurance Brokers to Brown & Brown

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the changing of the county insurance broker from Sequoyah Group to Brown & Brown, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#20 – Motion – Earmark \$1,000,000.00 from Highway Department Fund Balance for Grant Match

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the earmarking of \$1,000,000.00 from the fund balance of the Highway Department for the match of the FLAT Grant for bridges and roads. He submitted 1 project that got broken into 3 projects. There is the Ridge Road project, Lilly Bridge Project, and the Potters Chapel Project. There is a 20%

cash match of a \$4,000,000.00 project which will be approximately \$800,000.00 but asking for \$1,000,000.00 to be safe. Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Back Tax Committee meeting to be held Monday, March 28 at 5:00 pm in Courtroom

Road Department meeting to be held April 5 at 5:00 at Road Department

Solid Waste meeting to be held April 5 at 6:00 pm at Road Department

Commissioner Kreis presented the 2nd book about cemeteries in Morgan County. This book dates from 1996 to 2021. These books include around 400 years of history. They are \$50.00 each and all proceeds help the Deer Lodge Historical Society.

Executive Langley congratulated Commissioner Byrd on his accomplishments with the United States Air Medical Community with 43 years of service.

Commissioner Raiford stated that the Tourism Committee will have a grand opening of Tanner Store on April 21 from 10am-1pm.

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

Meeting Schedule

Back Tax Meeting	-Monday, Mar 28 5:00 pm
Road Committee	-Tuesday, April 5 5:00 pm – Road Dept
Solid Waste Committee	-Tuesday, April 5 6:00 pm – Road Dept
Budget Meeting	-Monday, April 11 6:00 pm
Commission Meeting	-Monday, April 11 7:00 pm