

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

April 14, 2022

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 11th day of April 2022. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Chief Deputy William Angel called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Absent were: Robert Byrd

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 Lonnie Cook

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Lonnie Cook

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

Senior Citizen Meetings	City of Sunbright meeting
Chamber of Commerce	Senator Blackburn
Audit Committee	Democratic Party meeting
Site Support	Non-Profit Grant
ARP Funds	ORCA meeting
Back Tax Committee	Solid Waste
ETHRA	JECDB meeting
Leadership Morgan	FLAT grant
EMS – Heart Monitors	Fire/Rescue - Oakdale

Citizens Comments: None

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Zorsch and seconded by Commissioner Kreis to approve the March 14, 2022, minutes, and the trustees report.

Motion passed unanimously (17/0)

#2 – Notaries – Angela Anderson, Madeleine Hebert, Madison Camp, Joe Lester

Motion made by Commissioner Justes to approve the aforementioned notary applicants; Commissioner Zorsch seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#3 – Resolution – CDBG Grant Application - PUD

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the resolution for CDBG grant application for Wastewater System Improvements, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#4 – Resolution – Litter Grant

Commissioner Justes made a motion to apply for the Litter Grant 2022-23, Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#5 – Motion – Support of Road Department in Applying for Additional Grants

Road Supervisor Joe Miller explained that in the last round of grants the County has formally received 2 of the 3 applied for. These 2 grants require a 20% hard cash match which the road department budget is covering. They received the Ridge Road and Lily Bridge projects. He is now applying for 5 additional project grants. These grants have no match, however, is requesting support from the county commission in applying for them. These grants will total approximately \$6,000,000.00. Commissioner Walls made a motion to support the Road Department in their quest for additional grants, Commissioner Seavers seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Budget Committee

#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-27 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-27 in the amount of \$3,616.88 for insurance recovery, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-29 – Register of Deeds

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-29 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for computer monthly billing and printer toner, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-30 – County Clerk

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-30 in the amount of \$1,160.00 for purchase of postage for license plates, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-6 – ARP – Solid Waste

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-6 in the amount of \$284,851.03 for correction, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 131-5 – Highway

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 131-5 in the amount of \$30,366.46 for additional revenue for bridge project, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#10– Motion – Budget Amendments #63-72 for BOE

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Board of Education budget amendment #63-72, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#11 – Motion – Surplus Equipment for County Executive's Office

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the surplus of equipment in the County Executives office, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#12 – Motion – AMB Contract for Billing at EMS

Commissioner Roberts made motion to approve a new contract with AMB for billing services, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Audit Committee

Executive Langley asked Bryan Taylor to speak on Audit Committee meeting, Mr. Taylor stated that they held a meeting and if anyone had any questions to let him know.

Back Tax Committee

#13 – Motion – To Re-bid Property 1 Map 130 Parcel 7.02 and Property 7 Map 155c Parcel 4.00 and Map 074, Parcel 8.08 in District 10

Commissioner Headrick stated that bids of \$20.00 were received on the above properties and the committee rejected these and made a motion to re-bid. Commissioner Headrick made a motion to re-bid and place in paper, Commissioner Adkisson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

#14 – Motion – To have a Bid-off between Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and Ray Phillips on Map 142, Parcel 79.01 in District 1

Commissioner Headrick made a motion to conduct a bid -off for property, Commissioner Shannon seconded.

Motion passed. 16/0 – Commissioner Roberts abstained

#15 – Motion – Place Properties in Local Newspaper to Solicit Bids

Commissioner Headrick made a motion to list the following properties for bid:

Property 2 - District 1 -Map 142, Parcel 76.02 (not a part of 76.04)

Property 21 – District 7, Map 071, Parcel 20.01

Property 20 - District 7, Map 071, Parcel 20.00

Property 18 – District 10, Map 156, Parcel 005.00

Property 16 – Map 161, Parcel 017.00

Travis Land Property - .34 acre, Map 148, Parcel 016.00

¼ Gas & Oil rights on Plateau Property – Map 073, Parcel 015.00

Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Solid Waste Committee

Commissioner Jackson asked the Solid Waste Director to elaborate on the issue with tire disposal rates. Director Kilby stated that they have received a letter increasing the price of tire disposal fees from the company that handles the county tires. The fee is going from \$69.00 per ton to \$155.00 per ton. They are removing the \$211.00 container fee. This will bring tire disposal to approximately \$24,000.00 per year. So to counter the price increase the committee discussed raising the rental fees on the business dumpsters from \$25-\$35 per month to \$40.00 per month. This would cover the additional expense of disposing of tires. They are looking into tire shredding or cutting up of tires in the future.

#16 – Motion – Increase price of Business Dumpsters to \$40.00 per month

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to increase the monthly fees for business dumpsters, Commissioner Zorsch seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Road Committee

#17 – Motion – Removal of Ernie Hurst Road off John Anderson Road

Commissioner Walls made a motion to remove Ernie Hurst Road off John Anderson Road, Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Road Department meeting to be held April 28 at 5:00 at Road Department

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

Meeting Schedule

Road Committee	-Thursday, April 28 5:00 pm – Road Dept.
Budget Meeting	-Monday, May 2 6:00 pm
Budget Meeting	-Monday, May 9 6:00 pm
Commission Meeting	-Monday, May 9 7:00 pm