

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

January 9, 2023

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 9th day of January 2023. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Sheriff Potter called the session to order.

The following members were present:

Melissa Bryant, Gary Kennedy, Rick Plank, Janet Adkisson, Eli Anderson, Debbie Lively, Terry Jackson, Randy Roberts, Steve Walls, DJ Currier, Vera Scarbrough, Fred Snow, David Hennessee, Vernon Justes, Kenneth Morgan, Bobby Gibson, Susie Kreis and Doug Vespie

Absent were: None

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 Seth Stewart

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Seth Stewart

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Library Board Meeting	Road Committee Meeting
Finance Committee	Leadership Morgan
JEDB Meeting	Food & Insecurity Grant
Solid Waste Christmas Lunch	Tn Risk Mgmt. Safety Grant
Wayne Best Meeting	Water Leak @ Visitors Center

Citizens Comments: None

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the December 13, 2022, minutes.

Motion passed unanimously (18/0)

#2 – Notaries – Leanne Branstetter, Tonya Cooley, Eusticia Vowel, Beverly Underwood
Motion made by Commissioner Scarbrough to approve the aforementioned notaries applicants; Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Executive Langley asked Steve Williams with AirMed to speak to County Commission about discount on Air lift membership. This fee is \$65.00 annual fee.

#3 – Proclamation – Supporting the Gifting of a Bible

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Proclamation Supporting the gifting of Bible by the Morgan County Clerks office for couples applying for a marriage license, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Executive Langley stated that Angela Anderson came to the budget meeting to explain how the county handles back tax sales and what her office does. Commissioner Lively stated that Ms. Anderson was very conscientious of getting the county caught up on the years of back taxes and was very informative.

Executive Langley introduced Melissa Kreis – President of the Chamber of Commerce. The other board officers are Goose Lindsay – Vice President, Cynthia Davidson – Treasurer and Michelle Adkisson – Secretary. She then explained that the Executive Director position has been terminated. This is due to her mismanagement of the office, the unprofessionalism, refusing to work with certain people and the decline of membership.

Solid Waste Committee meeting – Tuesday, January 24th 5:00pm

Executive Langley asked Solid Waste Director Keith Kilby to make his presentation. Director Kilby stated that about 2 ½ years ago the Coalfield Convenience Center developed a sink hole about 12'x12'x12' in size. They repaired it with 4 loads of shot rock and it seems to be doing good, however, another sink hole has appeared. It seems to be about 5' deep. Director Kilby recommendation would be to begin looking for a new site for the convenience center. The money it would cost to core drill the location to find out the stability of site would be wasted if the site was still unusable.

Budget Committee

#4 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-19 – Sheriff

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101- 19 Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$488.90 for insurance recovery, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#5 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-2 – Sanitation Management

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-2 for Sanitation Management in the amount of \$11,979.47 for insurance recovery, Commissioner Morgan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment - BOE - #33-#39

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendments #33-#39 for BOE, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#7 – Approval of ARP Monies for Computers for Finance Office

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the use of \$7,381.25 to purchase new computers for finance office, their computers are about 10 years old, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#8 – Surplus Equipment from Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the surplus of equipment from Sheriffs Dept., Commissioner Bryant seconded. The items are a washer and dryer, 2000 Van and 2014 Dodge Durango.

Road Committee

#9 – Motion – To Close a Portion of Arnold Potter Road

Commissioner Walls made a motion to close a 390' section of Arnold Potter Road as requested by landowners; Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Finance Committee

#10 – Motion – To Separate E911 and Jail on the Salary Schedule

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to separate the salary scale between the E911 and the Morgan County Jail Correctional officers, Commissioner Jackson second.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#11 – Motion to Update the Travel Policy for County Employees

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the following updates to travel policy as follows:

Mileage – from .40 to .625 (state rate)

Meals – from \$24.00 per day to \$50.00 per day

Lodging – from \$55.00 per day to 150.00 per day

(or conference rate if staying where conference is held)

Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

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

-Tuesday – Jan. 24 – 5:00 pm

Budget Meeting

-Monday – Feb. 13 - 6:00 pm

Commission Meeting

-Monday – Feb. 13 - 7:00 pm