

## MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

March 13, 2023

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 March 2023. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Deputy CJ Porter called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

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 John Bonham

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor John Bonham

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Department Head Staff Meeting	Leadership Government Day
Proclamation – Nat'l Day of Breakfast	Fire Watch Completed – Annex
Roof Fixed - ETHRA	Open House – New EMS Bldg

Citizens Comments:

Steve Potter – Stated fair season is coming and it will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> week of July  
Horse Show – April 1  
Mud Sling – June 3

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

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Justes to approve the February 13, 2022, minutes.

Motion passed unanimously (16/0)

**#2 – Notaries** – Janet Adkisson, Robert Masse, Ward Dagley, Erin Miller, Tonya Freels, Bobby Tompkins, Natalie Gooch, Matthew Van Dalen, Melody Hill

Motion made by Commissioner Bryant to approve the aforementioned notaries applicants; Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Executive Langley asked Landon Mann, Agriculture Educator of the Morgan County Vocational Technical Center and member of Soil and Water Conservation board to make his presentation. Mr. Mann stated that he wanted to explain what the Soil Conservation office does. It educates citizens on good farming practices. Help teach fencing, water land facilities, feeding paths, water conveyance, etc. They are needing some additional funding to help with a school farm project. Executive Langley asked them to come back during the budget process in May.

Executive Langley introduced the Litter Grant employees. John Bonham and Sumer Evans are the employees that work to help keep the county clean.

### **#3 – Resolution – Agricultural Extension Advisory Board – Member Appointments**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Resolution for member appointments to the Agricultural Extension Advisory board, Commissioner Morgan seconded. The members are as follows:

County Commissioners:  
Vernon Justes  
David Hennessee  
Gary Kennedy  
Farm "Men"  
Tim Sweat  
Peter Pen  
Farm "Women"  
Stephanie LaRue  
Dora Austin

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#4 – Resolution – Cooperative Purchasing Agreement**

Commissioner Walls made a motion to approve the authorization to use any master cooperative purchasing agreements as required by the laws of the purchasing entity, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#5 – Resolution – Opt-out of Building Code Standards**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to opt-out of the statewide building code standards, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#6 – Resolution – Bridge Replacement Grant Approval**

Commissioner Walls made a motion to approve the three (3) bridge replacement grants for Macedonia Road, Logan's Run, Dora Armes Road bridges, Commissioner Bryant seconded. Right now, there is no match for the grants for the bridges, however, should there be a match the Highway Dept will cover the match.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#7 – Motion – Combine Solid Waste and Recycling Departments**

Commissioner Kreis made a motion to approve the combining of Solid Waste and Recycling Departments, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**Budget Committee**

**#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-4 – Sanitation Management**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-4 Sanitation Management in the amount of \$24,500.00 for purchase of truck and trailer, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#9 – Motion – Budget Amendments for BOE - #45-51**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Board of Education Budget Amendments #45-51, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously (16/0)

**#10 – Approval of Transfer of Tribal Consistency Funds**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the transfer of the Tribal Consistency Funds of \$50,000.00 to another line item to cover some expenditures as needed, Commissioner Morgan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#11 – Surplus Equipment from Highway Department**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the surplus of equipment from Highway Dept.as a donation to the City of Wartburg, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#12 – Surplus Equipment from Sheriff’s Department**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the surplus of equipment from Sheriff’s Dept.as a donation to the Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept., Commissioner Hennessee seconded. This is 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**#13 – Motion – Adjust the Contract for Food Service at the Jail**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the partial contract until June 30, 2023, with a 20% increase, however there will not be another increase for next year so this price will continue until June 30, 2024, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

**Planned Growth Committee**

Commissioner Anderson stated that they held a meeting on February 13 and elected officers as well as look into the RV Park and the environmental impact study.

**Litter Committee**

Commissioner Gibson stated that they held a meeting on March 9 and discussed some properties that have potential health hazards from the garbage piled in the yards. The committee is checking with the cities in the county on their regulations to see if the county can develop a policy. The committee will get back when they have something to bring to commission.

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

**Meeting Schedule**

Budget Meeting -Monday – Apr. 10 - 6:00 pm  
Commission Meeting -Monday – Apr. 10 - 7:00 pm