

## MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

June 12, 2023

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Sherriff Wayne Potter called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Absent were: DJ Currier

Also present: Director of Finance Crystal Garrett and Morgan County Clerk Cheryl Collins where and when the following had and entered to wit:

Invocation was led by Pastor Keith Kilby of Stephens Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kenny Kilby of Stephens Baptist Church

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Off Fire Watch	ETDD Annual Meeting
Leadership Morgan	Donald Rimes - Veteran
Chamber of Commerce meeting	RPO Meeting – ETDD
Audit Committee	Ron Woody
Memorial Day Ceremony	Title VI Webinar
Animal Advocacy Meeting	Coalfield Park Grant
ET Leadership	Hosted Regional Marriage Meeting
Visitor's Center About Complete	Tourism Meeting
Health Fair	Marsha Blackburn (June 27 10 am)
Chuck Fleishmann (Lunch Meeting at Brushy 1 pm – same day)	
RSCC – Faith based program	

Citizens Comments:

Steve Potter – Mudsling good turnout, Horse show June 24 and Fair July 24

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

Motion made by Commissioner Justes and seconded by Commissioner Lively to approve the May 8, 2023, minutes.

Motion passed unanimously (17/0)

**#2 – Notaries** – Benita Pride, Clyde Kelly, Gary Judd, Sarah Melton

Motion made by Commissioner Scarbrough to approve the aforementioned notaries applicants; Commissioner Kries seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Executive Langley introduced Lisa Collett as the Economic Development Board Executive Director as well as Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. She gave an update on the Visitors Center and its completion of water damage. The EDB will move to the Chamber building hopefully by July 1. The annual membership meeting will be held July 18 at Brushy from 5-8. A two-month meeting schedule is the plan. Steering Committee established with the Parks to have a presence in the Visitors Center. Working on the website [morgancountychamber.com](http://morgancountychamber.com). Working on the membership list for chamber. They are catching up on the 941 payroll taxes that have not been paid since 2021. Lost tax-exempt status due to reports not being filed. Had to re-file for a new tax-exempt status. The EDB board is looking for property and future plans for Economic Development. PPP park with supposedly open for Summer 23. They are removing trees from Morgan County side of property the money will be split between 3 counties. Some of the solar panels will be moved to Morgan County side of property.

Executive Langley introduced Troy Ebert with TDOT Long-range Planning – He explained about the highway dept. grant. An audit of the county roads list had to be completed. Mr. Ebert introduced Garth with the audit team. He explained that they audited the road miles, bridges, cross drains and road signs.

600 miles of road – 430 county responsibility 54% good/fair

124 bridges – 75 county maintained 94% good/fair.

2650 culverts – most are corrugated.

2150 signs – regulatory signs, warning signs and guide signs - 82% meet the retro-reflectivity requirement.

Provided maps of all this information for future use.

**#3 – Motion – Addition of Juneteenth Holiday**

Commissioner Hennessee made a motion to approve Juneteenth to be added to holiday schedule, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. Commissioner Roberts stated that there is no money budgeted for an additional holiday.

**#3a – Motion – Amend Previous Motion**

Commissioner Anderson made an amendment to the previous motion to defer the action of holiday to budget committee at their next meeting and have the Finance Director bring a cost of holiday, Seconded by Commissioner Lively. Executive Langley called for a roll call vote:

Gary Kennedy – Yes

Melissa Bryant – No

Rick Plank – Yes  
Eli Anderson – Yes  
Debbie Lively – Yes  
Bobby Gibson - Yes

Janet Adkisson – No  
Terry Jackson – No  
Randy Roberts – No  
Steve Walls – No  
Vera Scarbrough – No  
Fred Snow – No  
David Hennessee – No  
Vernon Justes – No  
Kenneth Morgan – No  
Susie Kreis – No  
Doug Vespie – No

Motion failed – (5/12)

Voted on Motion #3

Fred Snow - Yes  
David Hennessee – Yes  
Vernon Justes – Yes  
Rick Plank – Yes

Janet Adkisson – No  
Eli Anderson – No  
Debbie Lively – No  
Terry Jackson – No  
Randy Roberts – No  
Steve Walls – No  
Vera Scarbrough – No  
Kenneth Morgan – No  
Bobby Gibson – No  
Susie Kreis – No  
Doug Vespie – No  
Melissa Bryant – No  
Gary Kennedy – No

Motion failed – (4/13)

Road Superintendent Joe Milled presented the County Executive and County Clerk with their new personnel policy for filing.

**#4 – Resolution – Federal Hwy Administration Program Grant – Ridge Road**

Commissioner Kreis made a motion to approve the Federal Hwy Adm Program Grant for Ridge Road, Commissioner Justes seconded. It is a \$1.25 million grant – match is \$250,000.00 cash only match. The Highway dept is covering the match.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

**#5 – Resolution – Federal Hwy Administration Program Grant – Lilly Bridge**

Commissioner Kreis made a motion to approve the Federal Hwy Adm Program Grant for Ridge Road, Commissioner Justes seconded. It is a \$1.25 million grant – match is \$250,000.00 cash only match. The Highway dept is covering the match.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

**#5 – Resolution – Federal Hwy Administration Program Grant – Barnett Bridge**

Commissioner Kreis made a motion to approve the Federal Hwy Adm Program Grant for Barnett Bridge, Commissioner Justes seconded. It is a \$1.120 million grant – no match for this grant.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

**Budget Committee**

**#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 131-3 – Highway Dept**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 131-3 Highway Dept in the amount of \$4,238.10 moving money to expenditure line items, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

**#7 – Motion – Solid Waste – Part-time Employee**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the addition of a part-time truck driver at no extra cost, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

**#8 – Motion – Additional SRO officers**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve additional officers to Sheriff's Dept in the form of SRO officers, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

**#9 – Motion – Jail – Full-time position**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve taking 2 part-time positions and making 1 full-time position at Jail, Commissioner Justes seconded. TCI recommended this to fulfill the full-time training officer.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

**#10 – Approval of Hiring a Part-time Position for Chancery Court – Temporarily**

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the hiring of a part-time position in the Clerk & Master's office for an employee that is on maternity leave and no additional cost to county, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Budget Committee will meet on June 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – budget committee for finalization of budget – 6:30 pm public hearing – 7:00 pm commission meeting – no tax increase

**Animal Advocacy Committee**

Commissioner Bryant stated that they held a meeting on May 18 and MoCo Mutts is looking for a building for a spay/neuter clinic – their present facility is not able to have one. There are some other options available to get this done.

Building Committee – Thursday, June 22 at 10:00 am – meeting at Courthouse.

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

**Meeting Schedule**

Building Committee

-Thursday – June 22 – 10:00 am

Budget Meeting

- Monday – June 29 – 5:30 pm

Commission Meeting

-Monday – June 29 - 7:00 pm