

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

December 11, 2023

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 11th day of December 2023. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Captain Mike Wren called the session to order.

The following members were present:

Janet Adkisson, Eli Anderson, Debbie Lively, Randy Roberts, Steve Walls, Johnny Lindsay, Vera Scarbrough, Fred Snow, David Hennessee, Vernon Justes, Bobby Gibson, Susie Kries and Doug Vespie Melissa Bryant, Gary Kennedy, Rick Plank

Absent were: Terry Jackson, Kenneth Morgan

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

Invocation was led by Solid Waste Director Keith Kilby

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Solid Waste Director Keith Kilby

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Governor's Opportunity Summit	Wartburg Trunk or Treat
Pine Orchard Trunk or Treat	ETDD – RPO meeting
Leadership Morgan	Sunbright Town Lighting
Dept. Head Meeting	

Citizens Comments:

Randy Anderson – Asked about road repair by CUB on road in Petros. Executive Langley stated that he would follow up with CUB.

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Justes to approve the October 9, 2023, minutes.

Motion passed unanimously (16/0)

#2 – Notaries – Ciara Barksdale, Rhonda Laughter

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

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Executive Langley introduced Mike Monroe, PUD General Manager. Commissioner Lively asked Mr. Monroe to appear and explain the sewer issues. He explained that the sewer system is under a sort of moratorium and cannot make any new connections until certain I&I problems are repaired and the plant can handle the flow coming into the system. He presented some options to help with community growth. He also explained that a grant has been applied for and approved but the money has not come in yet to do the repair work on the sewer system. After they receive the money work will begin, however, the time frame will depend on weather and conditions and then the system has to go through some rainy seasons to make sure the repairs are adequate before the (somewhat) moratorium will be released. If waivers could be asked for by commission that might help.

#3 – Motion – To Prepare a Resolution Concerning the Sewer System

Commissioner Lively made a motion to prepare a resolution asking for help with the sewer system and new connections, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#4 – Motion – Appointment of Member to Audit Committee

Commissioner Kreis nominated Melissa Kreis as the 4th District member to serve on the Audit Committee, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (17/0)

Executive Langley presented a plaque to Chad Sills as Region II Paramedic of the Year. This is a great honor. Executive Langley stated that he is very proud of Chad's accomplishments and his service to Morgan County.

Executive Langley asked about Juneteenth Holiday. Commissioner Snow has some ideas about on how the county could give the holiday in place of a raise or in addition to a smaller increase in salary. Discussions were held and will continue to look at this in the future.

Jail Mitigation Committee meeting Monday, January 22 at 6:00 pm

Budget Committee

#5 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-13 – Sheriff Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-13 for Sheriff Dept in the amount of \$200.00 Commissioner Justes seconded. Training Conference

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-14 – Chancery Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-14 for Chancery Court in the amount of \$462.15, Commissioner Hennessee seconded. To purchase battery backups.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-15 – Other Local Health (DGA)

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-15 for Other Local Health in the amount of \$500.00, Commissioner Justes seconded. Grant income for interpreter.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-16 – Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-16 for Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$11,085.00, Commissioner Walls seconded. Insurance recovery monies.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-17 – County Buildings

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-17 for County Buildings in the amount of \$16,483.00, Commissioner Hennessee seconded. To move monies from safety grants to appropriate budget lines.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-3 – Litter Grant

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-3 for Litter Grant in the amount of \$2,628.08, Commissioner Justes seconded. ARP funds to cover litter grant truck repairs.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#11 – Motion – Budget Amendment 171-1 – American Rescue Plan

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendments 171-1 for American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$2,628.08, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. Complete litter grant transfer for repairs.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#12 – Motion – BOE - #20-36

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendments from Board of Education #20-36, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#13- - Motion – Use ARP Monies for EMS Ambulance Increase

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the use of ARP monies for the additional cost of 2 ambulances for EMS in the amount \$6,322.65, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#14 – Motion – Surplus EMS Vehicle

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to surplus a Chevrolet Tahoe from EMS due to it being unrepairable, Commissioner Snow seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#15 – Motion – Surplus Track loader from Solid Waste Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to surplus a track loader from the Solid Waste Department, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#16 – Motion- Solid Waste Dept. Personnel Changing from Part-time to Full-time

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the amending of the personnel at the Oakdale Convention Center to a full-time position from a part-time position, Commissioner Hennessee seconded. The cost is an additional \$1,000.00.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#17 – Motion – Obtain Fuelman Gas Cards for County Departments

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve obtaining fuelman gas cards for county departments to use, when necessary, Commssioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

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

Meeting Schedule

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| Budget Meeting | - Monday – January 8 – 6:00 pm |
| Commission Meeting | -Monday – January 8 - 7:00 pm |
| Jail Mitigation | -Monday – January 22 – 6:00 pm |