

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

April 8, 2024

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 8th day of April 2024. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Captain Mike Wren called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Absent were: None

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 EMS Director Doug Laymance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by EMS Director Doug Laymance

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Sunbright Tornado

Norfolk Purchase of Property in Oakdale

Citizens Comments: None

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Justes and seconded by Commissioner Scarbrough to approve the March 11, 2024, minutes with an amendment to Motion #13 to change vehicle year from 1994 to 2023.

Motion passed unanimously (18/0)

#2 – Notaries – Jana Wiedeman

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

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Executive Langley stated that a public hearing was held for the closing of a certain part of Grady Langley Road. No one attended to oppose.

#3 – Motion – To Remove Fuel Tanks from the EMS lot

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the removal of the fuel tank from EMS lot. The county has a job estimate of \$24,425.00 but will retain other estimates, monies from the ARP Grant will be used to pay for removal, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Executive Langley asked Sunbright Mayor Karen Melton and EMA Director Ethan Webb. Mayor Melton stated that an EF-1 Tornado hit the City of Sunbright on Tuesday, April 2. She wanted to thank everyone that came together to help the city and the citizens of Sunbright during a time of crisis. She also gave an update on the new EMS building in Sunbright, the new garbage truck and a new city hall facility. She then asked EMA Director Ethan Webb to expound on the financial end of this disaster. The city will be having a public meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:30pm) at the Sunbright Community Center. There will be no federal funding for damage to the city because it

does not meet the criteria. There are thresholds that have to be met. The county threshold is \$96,761.00 which the incident can meet however, the state threshold is \$12,715,945.60 and the incident does not meet that threshold. He stated that Senator Yager, Representative Butler, and Congressman Chuck Fleishmann have tried to help but their hands are tied. There will be an after-action report soon.

Budget Committee

#4 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-21 – Chancery Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-21 for Chancery Court in the amount of \$231.99, Commissioner Justes seconded. Transfer of monies for purchase of Microsoft Office.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#5 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-22 – Civil Defense

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-22 for Civil Defense in the amount of \$1,452.00, Commissioner Justes seconded. To cover VFIS Insurance increase.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

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

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendments 116-8 in the amount \$4,797.80, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. Sale of front-end loader.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Solid Waste

Commissioner Jackson asked Director Kilby to explain the hour changes at the convenience centers and landfill. Director Kilby stated that the committee agreed to increase the convenience center hours of operation by an hour during daylight savings time (First Saturday in April to Last Saturday in October) and open the landfill on Saturdays from 9 am – 1pm during the same Daylight Savings time. They also discussed the life span of the landfill. Director Kilby estimates it to last 5-6 years but would like an engineer to look at it also. There will also be a meeting set up with some representatives from Roane County along with Senator Yager to discuss this situation to see if there is other options.

Road Committee

Commissioner Walls stated that the Road Committee was petitioned by citizens on Grady Langley Road to close 316' of the road. A public hearing was held prior to county commission concerning the closing of a portion of Grady Langley Road and removing that portion from the county road list and there was no opposition. Commissioner Walls stated that the road committee recommended removing 460' so that we don't create a dead end that no one can turn around. This will make Grady Langley Road 1124' instead of 1584'.

#14 – Motion to Approve Removal of 460' from Grady Langley Road to Make Total Length of Road 1124'

Commissioner Walls made a motion to remove 460' from Grady Langley Road make the road length 1124' long, Commissioner Kries seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Back Tax Committee

Meeting April 22 6pm in Conference Room – Committee member David Hennessee, Susie Kries, Johnny Linday and Melissa Bryant

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

Meeting Schedule

Budget Meeting

Commission Meeting

- Monday – May 13 – 6:00 pm

-Monday – May 13 - 7:00 pm