

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

October 14, 2024

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 14th day of October 2024. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Chief Deputy Rick Hamby called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Absent were: None

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

Invocation was led by Rodney Byrd

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rodney Byrd

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Deer Lodge Town Hall meeting	9/11 Ceremony
Back Tax meeting	Chamber Meeting
ETDD Meeting	ETHRA meeting
Library Board	

Executive Langley asked for a moment of silence for the passing Steve Dunshee – Fire Chief of Clear Fork Fire Dept.

Citizens Comments:

Ethan Webb – EMA Director wanted to publicly acknowledge all help from county rescue services that help with the Hurricane victims in upper East Tennessee. Road Superintendent Joe Miller said they were taking a trailer load of stuff on Friday to help also.

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes and Trustees Report, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously (18/0)

#2 – Notaries – Mellissa Bastian, Emily Brown, Sandra Hamby, Kirk Harlan, Randy McFarland and James Williams

Executive Langley asked Joey Johnson to make his presentation. Mr. Johnson stated he was representing the Boy Scouts. He explained the Scout creed and that he and his troop would like to assist the county with clean up in some way. They need community service hours to earn badges and would like to help in anyway possible.

#3 – Resolution – Extend the Hours of Beer Sales for County

Commissioner Lively made a motion to approve the extension of the beer sale hours on Sunday to 10:00 am to 12:00 am, Commissioner Morgan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#4 – Motion – To Approve Appointment of Travis Nelson to the Beer Board

Commissioner Justes made a motion to approve the appointment of Travis Nelson to the Beer board, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#5 – Motion – Approval of County Match to CDBG Grant for Oakdale

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the county to provide the match for CDBG Grant in Oakdale for Ambulance Satellite Office, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Budget Committee

#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-10 – Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-10 for Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$46,065.02, Commissioner Kreis seconded. For SRO officers payback.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-11 – Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-11 for Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$6,674.87, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. THSO Grant for overtime and equipment.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-3 - Transfer to Other Funds

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-3 for Transfer to Other Funds in the amount of \$17,955.00, Commissioner Kreis seconded. Matching portion for convenience center grant.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendments #5 - 30 BOE

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment #9 for Board of Education #5-30, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#10 – Motion – Approval to split Assessor's Part-time employee into 2 Positions

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Assessor to split their 1 part-time position into 2 positions to help in the field as well as the office, Commissioner Jackson seconded. This is at no additional cost.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#11 – Motion to Surplus Highway Dept Equipment

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the surplus of the Boom off the 1994 Bucket truck, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#12 – Motion to Surplus Equipment from Finance Office

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the surplus of office equipment from Finance Office, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#13 – Motion – Approval to Surplus Doug Garrett's Service Weapon

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the surplus of Retired Officer Doug Garrett's service weapon, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Back Tax

Commissioner Hennessee stated that the committee met before County Commission and have approved the sale of 4 properties

- 2 - Rome Road – Keith Hawn
- 1 – Pea Ridge Road – Bryan Taylor
- 1 - Oakdale – Bryan Taylor

#14 – Motion – To Approve Sale of Back Tax Properties

Commissioner Hennessee made a motion to accept the bids, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Jail Mitigation meeting – November 12th 6pm

County Commission will move meeting to the 3rd Monday in November so that we will not meet on Veteran's Day. That will be November 18th

Back Tax will meet November 18th at 6:30pm.

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

Meeting Schedule

- Jail Mitigation - November 12 – 6:00 pm
- Budget Committee - November 18 – 6:00 pm
- County Commission - November 18 – 7:00 pm
- Back Tax Committee - November 18 - 6:30 pm