

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

September 9, 2024

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 9th day of September 2024. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Chief Deputy Rick Hamby called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Absent were: Terry Jackson, Vernon Justes

Also present: 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

Election of Chairman

Commissioner Hennessee nominated Brian Langley to be Chairman, Commissioner Kreis seconded

Commissioner Snow made a motion to cease nominations and elect Brian Langley, Chairman by acclamation, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Chairman Pro-Temp

Commissioner Hennessee nominated Vera Scarbrough to be Chairman Pro-Temp, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Commissioner Snow made a motion to cease nominations and elect Vera Scarbrough, Chairman Pro-Temp by acclamation, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Langley recognized the newly elected officials

Gina Ellis – Property Assessor
Johnny Lindsay – County Commissioner
Jamie Pemberton – Appointed Director of Schools

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Conference – Rural Opportunity Summit	Assoc. of County Mayors
BCBS – Grant	Regional Mayors Meeting
Closed on Purchase of Oakdale Property	

Citizens Comments:

David Jackson – Asked about the Corbin Hill Shooting Range – Executive Langley stated that there is progress and hopes to have a lot of training for law enforcement and military in our area

Executive Langley stated that Tammy Merritt of Congressman Chuck Fleishmann's office was in attendance

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts to approve the August 12, 2024 minutes and Trustees Report, Commissioner Morgan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously (16/0)

#2 – Notaries – None

#3 – Resolution – Length of Service Award Program for Volunteer Fire Fighters

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution for LOSAP, Commissioner Morgan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#4 – Resolution – CDBG for EMS – Additional Cost

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Resolution amendment for the additional cost of \$4,545.84 for EMS, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#5 – Resolution – Creation of an Opioid Abatement Advisory Board

Commissioner Roberts nominated Debbie Lively, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Commissioner Bryant nominated Eli Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lively.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to accept the board as presented by the county executive and have two commissioners serve on the board, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#6 – Motion – Contract for Ankle Monitoring

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Contract for Ankle monitoring – this is no cost to the county, just allows company to offer service, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Budget Committee

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-4 – Ambulance/EMS

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-4 for Ambulance/EMS in the amount of \$8,415.00, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. For garage door openers.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-5 – Ambulance/EMS

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-5 for Grants in the amount of \$218,187.35, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. To budget Grant Revenues and Expenditures.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-6 Ambulance/EMS

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-6 for the Ambulance/EMS in the amount of \$33,915.12, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. CDBG Grant match for Sunbright Ambulance.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-7 – Property Assessor

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-7 for the Property Assessor's office in the amount of \$1,200.00, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Longevity for employee not included in budget.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#11 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-8 – County Executive's Office

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-8 for the County Executive's office in the amount of \$2,000.00, Commissioner Kennedy seconded. Cover fuel cost for executive's office vehicle.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#12 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-9 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-9 for the Sheriff's Dept. in the amount of \$5,000.00, Commissioner Kreis seconded. Grant monies for Sunbright tornado, will use for generator repairs.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#13 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-2 – Sanitation Management

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-2 for Sanitation Management in the amount of \$95,000.00, Commissioner Kreis seconded. Moving of the Wartburg transfer station.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#14 – Motion – Budget Amendments #9 BOE

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

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#15 – Motion to EMS Surplus Equipment

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the surplus of ambulance from the EMS department, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#16 – Motion – Approval Salary Supplement for Rick Hamby

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve a supplement in the salary of Rick Hamby by \$1,000.00 per paycheck to compensate him for his extra service during the Sheriff's absence, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#17 – Motion – TDEC Recycling Grant

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve applying for a Recycling Grant of upto \$125,000.00 for two cardboard balers and a truck to haul cardboard and it is a 10% match of up to \$12,500.00, Commissioner Walls seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Back Tax

Commissioner Hennessee stated that there will be a bid off on 4 properties on September 25 at 10:00 am

- 2 - Rome Road
- 1 – Pea Ridge Road
- 1 - Oakdale Market (Wendell's)

They defer action on old convenience center at Oakdale for 6 months as well as the Hillside Drive property in Oakdale.

#18 – Motion – Accept Bids for old Bruno Schubert Property & Bid-off

Commissioner Hennessee made a motion have the bid-off on the 4 properties as well as to put up for bid the Bruno Schubert property on Old Gobey Road and will run in the Morgan County News next week, Commissioner Kreis seconded. There is a minimum bid of \$20,000.00. They will set a meeting when bids have been received.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Commissioner Anderson stated that he spoke with Sara Vanoy with Community Development Partners and helped fill out an environmental impact form for the county on a water grant for PUD water main on Flat Fork Road.

Executive Langley stated that there will be a Regional County Commissioner meeting on October 1 at 5:30pm at the Museum of Appalachia in Norris. If commissioners are interested in going he will get them registered.

Commissioner Lively asked about the letter from the boy scout. Executive Langley will reach out and invite him to the next meeting.

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

Meeting Schedule

Budget Committee	-	October 14 – 6:00 pm
County Commission	-	October 14 – 7:00 pm