

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

May 13, 2024

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 13th day of May 2024. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Captain Mike Wren called the session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Absent were: Terry Jackson, Vernon Justes, Melissa Bryant, Gary Kennedy, Rick Plank

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

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

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| Leadership Morgan | TDOT Litter Grant Meeting |
| EMS/Norfolk Southern Meeting | Future McDonald's discussion |
| WECO Radiothon | Earth Day |
| National Day of Prayer | New Metal Supplies Building |

Citizens Comments: None

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts to approve the April 8, 2024, minutes, Commissioner Morgan to seconded.

Motion passed unanimously (13/0)

#2 – Notaries – Shaleen Clayton, Melinda Jones, Louis Lloyd, Katelyn Massengale, Tammy Perry, Vanessa Taylor, Jessica Wilson

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

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

Executive Langley presented a plaque to the Sheriff's Department to recognize National Police Week. The Sheriff thanked the commission and County Executive for the pay raises and helping to keep his staff in the county.

#3 – Resolution – Support Urging the General Assembly to Pass SB2238/HR2467

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve SB2238/HB2467 for the state to take over property tax appeals for gas and oil wells from the Property Assessors, Commissioner Snow seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#4 – Plateau Utility District Chip/Seal Proposal

Executive Langley asked Road Superintendent Joe Miller to explain. Mr. Miller stated that PUD has asked the county to help with chipping and sealing the roads leading into the water plant and around the building. Mr. Miller presented a proposal of \$54,513.00 but will be reimbursed for the actual cost. Commissioner Kries made a motion to approve, Commissioner Roberts seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

Budget Committee

#5 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-28 – Ambulance/EMS

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-28 for Ambulance/EMS in the amount of \$133,500.00, Commissioner Snow seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#6 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-29 – Jail

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-29 for jail in the amount of \$94,900.00, Commissioner Hennessee seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-30 – Miscellaneous

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-30 for Miscellaneous in the amount of \$40,000.00, Commissioner Snow seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-31 – Circuit Court Clerk

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-31 for Circuit Court Clerk in the amount of \$25,000.00, Commissioner Snow seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-32 – Register of Deeds

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-32 for Register of Deeds in the amount of \$2,000.00, Commissioner Morgan seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-33 – Libraries

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-33 for Libraries in the amount of \$8,806.00, Commissioner Kries seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#11 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-34 – County Commission

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-34 for County Commission in the amount of \$2,300.00, Commissioner Morgan seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#12 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-35 – Other Public Safety

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-35 for Other Public Safety in the amount of \$1,000.00, Commissioner Anderson seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#13 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-36 – Election Commission

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-36 for Election Commission in the amount of \$4,350.00, Commissioner Hennessee seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#14 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-37 – Other Local Heath (DGA)

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-37 for /EMS in the amount of \$12,183.00, Commissioner Snow seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#15 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-38 – Accounting & Budgeting

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-38 for Accounting & Budgeting in the amount of \$15,800.00, Commissioner Snow seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#16 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-39 – General Sessions Court & Judge

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-39 for General Session Court and Judge in the amount of \$19,610.00, Commissioner Vespie seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#17 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-40 – Fire Prevention & Control

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-40 for Fire Prevention & Control in the amount of \$7,600.00, Commissioner Morgan seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#18 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-41 – County Coroner

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-41 for County Coroner in the amount of \$55,000.00, Commissioner Snow seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#19 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-42 – Parks & Fair Boards

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-42 for Park & Fair Boards in the amount of \$1,000.00, Commissioner Kries seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#20 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-43 – Juvenile Services

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-43 for Juvenile Services in the amount of \$21,500.00, Commissioner Morgan seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#21 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-44 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-44 for Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$35,574.80, Commissioner Kries seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#22 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-45 – Civil Defense

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-45 for Civil Defense in the amount of \$1,000.00, Commissioner Gibson seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#23 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-46 – Juvenile Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-46 for Juvenile Court in the amount of \$4,000.00, Commissioner Morgan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#24 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-47 – Fire Prevention & Control

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-47 for Fire Prevention & Control in the amount of \$4,000.00, Commissioner Gibson seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#25 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-48 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-48 for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$9,150.00, Commissioner Kries seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#26 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-49 – Jail

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-49 for Jail in the amount of \$40,000.00, Commissioner Hennessee seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#27 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-50 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-50 for Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$60,000.00, Commissioner Kries seconded. Move ARP monies to Sheriff's Dept. budget.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#28 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-51 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-51 for Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$1,735.22, Commissioner Gibson seconded. Move Grant monies to overtime line item.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#29 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-52 – Civil Defense

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-52 for Civil Defense in the amount of \$2,500.00, Commissioner Gibson seconded. Donation from Fire Rescue to Civil Defense.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#30 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-53 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-53 for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$4,112.30, Commissioner Gibson seconded. Move insurance recovery money.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#31 – Motion – Budget Amendment 116-11 – Miscellaneous

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 116-11 for Miscellaneous in the amount of \$9,500.00, Commissioner Morgan seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#32 – Motion – Budget Amendment 122-2 – Drug Fund

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 122-2 for Drug Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00, Commissioner Gibson seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#33 – Motion – Budget Amendment 131-6 – Highway Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 131-6 for Highway Department in the amount of \$37,000.00, Commissioner Gibson seconded. Year End Budget Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#34 – Motion – Budget Amendment 171-3 – American Rescue Plan

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 171-3 for American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$60,000.00, Commissioner Morgan seconded. Move money to purchase vehicle in Sheriff's Dept.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#35 – Motion – Budget Amendments #50-#73 and #76-#94 BOE

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the aforementioned budget amendments for Board of Education, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#36 – Motion – Amendment to Food Preparation Agreement

Commissioner Roberts stated that the Summit Food Service contract with the Sheriff's Department has increased 6% for the year, Commissioner Lively seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#37 – Motion – Approve CDBG Match with City of Sunbright for Ambulance

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the increase in the match for the CDBG grant for the new Ambulance in the amount of \$38,871.00, Commissioner Walls seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

#38 – Motion – Approval of Employee at Health Department to Receive State Raises

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to allow the employee at the Health Department to be compensated at the State Rate not County Rate, Commissioner Kries seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

Commissioner Roberts stated that currently the budget is in balance and are awaiting the value of a penny to see about employee raises.

Back Tax

Commissioner Hennessee stated that the Back Tax Committee met on April 22 to consider 5 county properties to be sold. They are the following:

2024-01 – John T Cope Property

2024-02 – Federal National Mortgage Property
2024-03 – Vicke Johnson Property
2024-04 - Dr. C Fletcher Smith Property
2024-05 – Charles & Lady Nelson Property

Commissioner Hennesse made a motion to approve the sale of these properties, Commissioner Kries seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (13/0)

Solid Waste

Commissioner Lively stated that Solid Waste Committee met on April 29 and discussed the APR numbers. They are required to be 25% and are now 64.2%.

Building Committee meeting May 28th 6:00 pm 3rd floor

Commissioner Walls asked if there were any grant monies for Courthouse improvements (paint brick). Executive Langley stated he will investigate the possibility.

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

Meeting Schedule

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| Building Committee | -Tuesday – May 28 – 6:00 pm 3 rd Floor |
| Budget Meeting | - Monday – June 24 – 6:00 pm |
| Commission Meeting | -Monday – June 24 - 7:00 pm |