

COUNTY COMMISSION- REGULAR SESSION

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17, 9:00 A.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS HONORABLE STEVE GODSEY, COUNTY MAYOR, TERESA JACOBS, DEPUTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by County Mayor Steve Godsey. Sheriff Wayne Anderson opened the commission and Comm. James King, Jr. gave the invocation. Pledge to the flag was led by Sheriff Wayne Anderson.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

CATHY L. ARMSTRONG	GARTH BLACKBURN
LINDA K. BRITTENHAM	"MOE" BROTHERTON
DARLENE R. CALTON	O. W. FERGUSON
CLYDE GROSECLOSE	LARRY HALL
TERRY HARKLEROAD	JOE HERRON
DENNIS HOUSER	SAMUEL C. JONES
ELLIOTT KILGORE	W. BILL KILGORE
DWIGHT KING	J. BUDDY KING
JAMES L. KING, JR.	BART LONG
WAYNE MCCONELL	W. JOHN MCKAMEY
RANDY MORRELL	MICHAEL SURGENOR
MARK A. VANCE	EDDIE WILLIAMS

24 PRESENT 0 ABSENT (ABSENT)

The following pages indicates the action taken by the Commission on re-zoning requests, approval of notary applications and personal surety bonds, motions, resolutions and other matters subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion was made by Comm. Morrell and seconded by Comm. Ferguson to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 Regular Session of County Commission. Said motion was approved by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

**THOSE SPEAKING DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT TIME WERE AS  
FOLLOWS:**

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**NONE**

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**RICHARD VENABLE MADE PRESENTATION FOR NETWORKS**

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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

ELECTION OF NOTARIES

JANUARY 20, 2009

KATHY E. ARNOLD	MARK D. HALVORSEN	AMBER DANIELLE SALLEY
TERESA B. ARNOLD	ROBERT K. HARRIS	KRISTI L. SAWYER
PATTI ANN BAKER	JUDY C. HELTON	MARY F. SENEKER
DONNA M. BAYS	HAROLD K. JOBE, JR.	CLARA SHEPHERD
MARY W. BILLINGS	TAMMY ELIZABETH JOHNSON	DON E. SHEPHERD
CHRISTINA M. BLAIR	LINDA LADY JONES	TRISH SMITH
BRENDA S. BOWERS	DORIS ANN KEEL	DIANE O. STAUBUS
C. JEAN BRADLEY	REBA C. KILGORE	DAVID WILLIAM TIPTON
BILLIE A. BREEDING	JUDY KAYE KING	MARGARET ANN TOLBERT
DAGMAR LYNN BURKE	ANGELA MEADE KINKEAD	ALICIA R. TRIVETT
JAMA BURNETT	BARTON SCOT LONG	GENE H. TUNNELL
SANDI LAMBERT CARTER	DIANNE G. LOVE	KENNETH J. VANCE
WILLIAM E. COOPER	VIRGINIA M. MCCLAIN	JACK M. VAUGHN
JO ANN CUMMINGS	SUSAN D. MCDAVID	ROSEANN G. WELLS
RAMESH R. DESAI	ANDRIA M. MEADE	FRANK WINSTON
SHERRY ANN DEVAULT	CAROLYN BROOKS MILLER	PAUL R. WOHLFORD
DEBRA W. DEYTON	DANIEL B. MINOR	
WILMER JAMES DUNCAN	APRIL LEIGH NORRIS	
MEGAN BETH DUNN	FARON D. OSBORNE	
DOROTHY R. DYKES	JUDITH K. OVERBAY	
ALMA JEAN ENGLISH	PATIRCIA S. PITTS	
N. MARLENE FOGLEMAN	DARRELL E. RASNAKE	
GEORGE ANN GARRETT	BRENDA F. REECE	
JESSICA T. GOAD	JAMES W. RIDEN	
MARTHA S. GODSEY	JOHN MARTIN ROBINETTE	
MURRAY C. GROSECLOSE, III	BETTY L. RUMPH	

**UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. FERGUSON  
AND SECONDED BY COMM. BRITTENHAM TO  
APPROVE THE NOTARY APPLICATIONS  
HEREON, SAID MOTION WAS APPROVED  
BY VOICE VOTE OF THE COMMISSION.  
24 AYE.**

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY  
SURETY BONDS

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

JAN BLACK-RAMEY

DEBBIE LYNNE ISLEY

KATHY BOYD KING

LIBBY LAURICE MARCUS

CARL W. VOGEL

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. FERGUSON AND SECONDED BY COMM. BRITTENHAM TO  
APPROVE THE NOTARY BONDS OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, SAID MOTION WAS APPROVED  
BY VOICE VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. 24 AYE.

QUESTIONS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Race Approve Approve  
 Call Minutes Minutes

No.	NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS	Apr		May		June		July		Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec	
	Armstrong		✓																
	Beall		✓																
	Brittenham		✓																
	Brotherton		✓																
	Calton		✓																
	Ferguson		✓																
	Goodale		✓																
	Hall		✓																
	Hankerson		✓																
	Herron		✓																
	Houser		✓																
	Kings		✓																
	Elliott Kilgore		✓																
	W.B. Kilgore		✓																
	Dwight King		✓																
	J. Buddy King		✓																
	James & King		✓																
	Long		✓																
	McConnell		✓																
	McKamey		✓																
	Morrell		✓																
	Surgenor		✓																
	Tance		✓																
	Williams		✓																

24 Present

Voice

Voice

QUESTIONS BEFORE THE COMMISSION	Resolving Requests				Resolutions				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5
NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McKamey	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Morrell	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Surgener	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Dance	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Williams	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Armstrong	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Blackburn	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Brittenham	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Brotherton	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Calton	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Ferguson	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Thoselose	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Nall	✓			P		✓	A	✓	✓
Narramore	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Nerron	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Kouser	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Genes	✓			/		✓		✓	✓
Elliott Kigere	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
W Bill Kigere	✓			P		✓		✓	✓
Dwight King	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
J. Buckley King	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
James L. King	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Long	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
McConnell	✓			A		✓		✓	✓
	24 Days				15 Days				
					6 Days				
					2 Days				
					1 Absent				
					4 Days				
					23 Days				
					19 Days				
					1 Absent				
					1 Day				

QUESTIONS BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS

208

NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS

No.	Name	13-Residence	8-Reports	3-Dues
1	McConnell	✓	✓	✓
2	Sungerson	✓	✓	✓
3	Wance	✓	✓	✓
4	Williams	✓	✓	✓
5	Armstrong	✓	✓	✓
6	Blairtown	✓	✓	✓
7	Burton	✓	✓	✓
8	Butterton	✓	✓	✓
9	Caston	✓	✓	✓
10	Ferguson	✓	✓	✓
11	Greenleaf	✓	✓	✓
12	Hall	✓	✓	✓
13	Harwood	✓	✓	✓
14	Henson	✓	✓	✓
15	Newton	✓	✓	✓
16	Gene	✓	✓	✓
17	E. K. Jones	✓	✓	✓
18	W. B. Hill	✓	✓	✓
19	Dwight King	✓	✓	✓
20	Buddy King	✓	✓	✓
21	James King	✓	✓	✓
22	Long	✓	✓	✓
23	McConnell	✓	✓	✓
24	McKamey	✓	✓	✓

QUESTIONS BEFORE THE COMM.	No. 14		No. 15		No. 16		No. 17		No. 18		No. 19		No. 20		No. 21	
	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay
Surgeon	✓						✓				✓					P
Vance	✓						✓				✓					✓
Williams	✓						✓				✓					✓
Armstrong	✓						✓				✓					✓
Blackburn	✓						✓				✓					✓
Buttontown	✓						✓				✓					✓
Brotherton	✓						✓				✓					✓
Carter	✓						✓				✓					✓
Ferguson	✓						✓				✓					✓
Prochaska, Jr	✓						✓				✓					✓
Hall	✓						✓				✓					✓
Starkweather	✓						✓				✓					✓
Huron	✓						✓				✓					✓
Houser	✓						✓				✓					✓
James	✓						✓				✓					✓
E. Helgare	✓						✓				✓					✓
W. Bill Helgare	✓						✓				✓					✓
Dwight King	✓						✓				✓					✓
of Buddy King	✓						✓				✓					✓
James H. King	✓						✓				✓					✓
Bart King	✓						✓				✓					✓
McCormell	✓						✓				✓					✓
McCormey	✓						✓				✓					✓
Maxwell	✓						✓				✓					✓
	24						24				24					23 yea 1 Pass
	Aye						Aye				Aye					



QUESTIONS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

22	23	24							
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NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS	No. 22		No. 23		No. 24														
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Vance																			
Williams																			
Armstrong																			
Blackburn																			
Brittenborn																			
Brotherton																			
Cotton																			
Jagerson																			
Wesidore																			
Hall																			
Harkwood																			
Dellon																			
Houser																			
Jones																			
E. Kilgore																			
Bill Kilgore																			
Knights King																			
Buddy King																			
James King																			
King J																			
McCormell																			
McKamey																			
Murrell																			
Sargones																			

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**REZONING OVERVIEW  
SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

February 17 2009

**RESOLUTION #1 - To Consider the Waiver of Rules for the following zoning amendments (map or text).**

Application No.	File No.	Applicant	Neighbor Opposition	Staff Recommendation	Planning Commission Recommendation	Current Zone	Requested Zone	Civil District
		<b>No Rezoning</b>						
1		Zoning Text Amendment						
		Permit Fees						
		Sullivan County		Approve	Approve			
		Bristol		Approve	Approve			
		Kingsport		Approve	Approve			
2		Zoning Text Amendment						
		Appendix D						
		Sullivan County		Approve	Approve			
		Bristol		Approve	Approve			
		Kingsport		Approve	Approve			

*Item #1  
Deferred*

**AGENDA**  
**Sullivan County Board of County Commission**

*February 17 2009*

The Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 17, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. in the Sullivan County Courthouse, Blountville, TN to consider the following requests:

**NO Rezoning**

- (1) Zoning Text Amendment
  - 1. Permit Fees
  - 2. Appendix D

**RESOLUTIONS ON DOCKET FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
#1 AMENDMENTS TO THE SULL CO ZONING RESOLUTION	APPROVED 02-17-09
#2 TO IMPROVE FIRE SAFETY WITHIN THE BORDERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY	DEFERRED 02-17-09
#3 ESTABLISH A PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM AT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PROTECT AND LOCATE MISSING PERSONS SUFFERING FROM DEVELOPMENTAL OR DEMENTIA-TYPE DISORDERS THAT WANDER – PROJECT LIFESAVER	APPROVED 02-17-09
#4 REQUESTING STATE OF TN TO PROHIBIT CELL PHONE USE BY DRIVER WHILE MOTOR VEHICLE IS IN MOTION	FAILED 02-17-09
#5 REQUESTING AMENDMENT TO THE “SUNSHINE LAW” REGARDING COMMUNICATION OUTSIDE PUBLIC MEETINGS	APPROVED 02-17-09
#6 APPOINTING JAMES BROTHERTON TO THE TRI-CITIES AIRPORT COMMISSION	APPROVED 02-17-09
#7 TO AMEND ANIMAL SHELTER BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE REVENUE RECEIVED FROM ANIMAL CRUELTY CASE TO EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS	APPROVED 02-17-09
#8 TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN	APPROVED 02-17-09
#9 TO AFFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TITLE VI REGULATIONS	APPROVED 02-17-09
#10 TO AMEND THE 2008-2009 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR THE MICROSOFT GENERAL PURPOSE SETTLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,164.87	APPROVED 02-17-09
#11 AMENDING THE 2008-2009 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGETED REVENUES BY #56,973.97 FOR THE CONNECTN PAYMENTS	APPROVED 02-17-09
#12 TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION	APPROVED 02-17-09
#13 DISSOLVING HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING A PRESERVATION AND TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING 02-17-09

#14 AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR UNCLAIMED BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS REMITTED TO STATE TREASURER UNDER UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT	APPROVED 02-17-09
#15 TO AMEND 2008-2009 FY GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR GRANT FOR ELECTION COMMISSION	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING 02-17-09
#16 TO ELIMINATE ALL UNNECESSARY TRAVEL INCLUDING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS FOR ALL SULLIVAN COUNTY ELECTED AND/OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING 02-17-09
#17 TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY CORONER AND MEDICAL EXAMINER	APPROVED 02-17-09
#18 TO BETTER MANAGE COST FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND BENEFITS FOR THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING 02-17-09
#19 TO AMEND THE AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 FOR THE SETTLEMENT RECEIVED FROM FORD MOTOR COMPANY	APPROVED 02-17-09
#20 TO IMPROVE SAFE STORAGE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL RECORDS	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING 02-17-09
#21 TO REQUEST THAT SULLIVAN COUNTY'S POTENTIAL SHARE OF ANY FEDERAL STIMULAS FUNDS BE USED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE	APPROVED 02-17-09
#22 TO REVISIT RESOLUTION NO. 2007-08-92 ON COOPERATION AND SHARING THROUGH AGREEMENTS	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING 02-17-09
#23 TO AUTHORIZE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 45 MPH TO 35 MPH ON SULLIVAN GARDENS PARKWAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> COMMISSIONER DISTRICT	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING 02-17-09
#24 AUTHORIZING SULLIVAN COUNTY TO REPURCHASE LYNN VIEW SCHOOL PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY SOLD TO TRICITIES CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, INC.	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING 02-17-09

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 1  
No. 2009-02-00

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February 2009.

**RESOLUTION To Consider Amendments to the Sullivan County Zoning Resolution**

WHEREAS, the attached rezoning petitions have been duly initiated; have been before the Planning Commission (recommendations enclosed); and have received a public hearing as required; and,

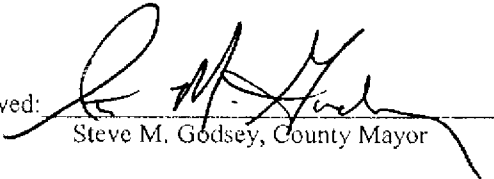
WHEREAS, such rezoning petitions will require an amendment to the Sullivan County Zoning Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby consider the attached rezoning petitions and vote upon the proposed amendments, individually or otherwise at the discretion of the Commission, by roll call vote and that the vote be valid and binding and that any necessary amendments to the official zoning map be made so.**

All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 17th day of February 2009.

Attested:   
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved:   
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsor: James "Buddy" King**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): O.W. Ferguson**

2009-02-00	County Commission
ACTION	APPROVED 02-17-09 VOICE VOTE

Comments:

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 2  
Administrative  
No. 2008-12-134

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of December, 2008.

**RESOLUTION To Improve Fire Safety Within The Borders Of Sullivan County**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has the obligation to our citizens to improve fire safety; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has no standards on the size of water service lines or the placement of fire hydrants serviced by any public utility provider; and

WHEREAS, there are areas within the borders of Sullivan County with insufficient supply line sizing and lack of sufficient fire hydrants for adequate fire safety.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby require all water utilities within the County, including all municipalities, to install fire hydrants and supply lines in all new, replacement, and upgrade construction to the standards required within residential areas inside the city limits of Kingsport or Bristol, Tennessee; and these be checked and maintained on a regular basis on a schedule no less than what's provided within the boundaries of the cities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any utility provides service to an industrial park or other major industrial site, sufficient water supply, line sizing and fire hydrants must be installed to meet or exceed any codes required within the city limits of Kingsport, Bristol, Tennessee, or any other utility district providing service in Sullivan County.

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that money to help facilitate this resolution be earmarked from the Health and Safety Program or Homeland Security Program in an amount no less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) annually and be dedicated to the rural portions of the County that have utility supplied water service and an insufficient supply line sizing or an insufficient number of fire hydrants.~~

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that \$5,000 annually be put in each year's budget to help facilitate this resolution. This money is to be put in the Health & Safety program overall Planning & Zoning Department's Budget. The \$5,000 annually to be dedicated to the rural portions of the County that have utility supplied water service and no fire hydrants or an insufficient number of fire hydrants.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: James "Moe" Brotherton**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Sam Jones, Terry Harkleroad, Larry Hall, Darlene Calton**

2008-12-134	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 12-1-08, No Action 1-5-09, No Action 2-2-09	No Action 12-4-08; Deferred 1-8-09, No Action 2-5-09	Approved 12-3-08, No Action 1-7-09, No Action 2-9-09	<b>DEFERRED 02-17-09</b>

Notes: 1st Reading 12-15-08;

Amended by Sponsor as reflected above in Resolution 01-20-09; Deferred 01-20-09;



Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 3  
Administrative  
No. 2009-01-03

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of January, 2009.

**RESOLUTION to Establish a Public Safety Program at the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to Protect and Locate Missing Persons suffering from developmental or dementia-type disorders that wander – Project Lifesaver.**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County's population in 2006 was approximately 154,239 citizens and the number of persons aged 65 and older was 26,050 or 17% of the total population; and,

WHEREAS, data supports the finding that Alzheimer's disease affects 10% of the population ages 65 to 84 and affects 50% of the population over age 85 and much time can be spent searching for these patients as they tend to wander and time can be paramount in survival; and,

WHEREAS, Project Lifesaver has electronic technology to locate patients with Alzheimer's as well as Autism, Down Syndrome and Developmental Disorders of various ages; and,

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has a responsibility to the safety and protection of these citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Bristol, TN, Bristol, VA, Washington County, VA have established Project Lifesaver systems and Sullivan County could become a vital part of this regional effort and could be expanded to include the city of Kingsport; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session approve the one-time appropriation not to exceed \$10,000.00 to purchase the Project Lifesaver Start-Up Equipment Package (consisting of 2 Receivers, 2 chargers, 2 antennas and cables, 2 headsets, 2 transmitters/batteries/bands, 2 cases and 2 software Disks for downloading Search Information), training and an additional 10 transmitters (total equipment for 12 participants).**

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested: Jeanie Gammon  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: Steve M. Godsey  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Linda Brittenham**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Mark Vance, Eddie Williams, Joe Herron**

2009-01-03	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 2-2-09	Approved 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-09	<b>APPROVED 02-17-09</b> <b>24 AYE</b>

Notes: 1st Reading 01-20-09;

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 4  
Executive  
No. 2009-01-04  
Attachments

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of January, 2009.

**RESOLUTION Requesting State of Tennessee to Prohibit Cell Phone Use By Driver While Motor Vehicle is in Motion**

WHEREAS, the use of cell telephones by drivers in automobiles is a definite safety hazard in which the driver's attention to the task of driving is lessened if not completely taken away from fast changing traffic conditions on the road, and

WHEREAS, as a result, accidents have a strong potential of occurring.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby calls upon the Tennessee State Legislature to pass legislation in the next session of the Legislature to make it unlawful for the driver of a motor vehicle to use a cell telephone while the vehicle is in motion, and that the use of a cell telephone under above conditions shall be considered a presumption of negligence if an accident occurs.

Exceptions to the above are:

- (1) if the cell phone can be used without the driver holding it in his or her hand
- (2) in the case of an emergency

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners that upon passage, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of our state legislators from Sullivan County requesting that they introduce such legislation.

(See Attached Articles)

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: James L. King, Jr.**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Elliott Kilgore, O. W. Ferguson**

2009-01-04	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion Defeated 2-2-09	No Action 2-5-09	No Action 2-9-09	<b>FAILED 02-17-09</b> <b>19 NAY, 4 AYE, 1 ABSENT</b>

Notes: 1st Reading 01-20-09;

# Study equates talking on a cell phone with drunken driving

By REX BARBER  
NET News Service

It happens again.

You're driving down the road and the cell phone rings.

Two choices present themselves at this point.

One: Leave the phone alone and check the caller ID after you stop; if it's important, they'll leave a voicemail.

Two: Fumble for the phone, look away from the road to see who it is, flip it open only to find out they've hung up, decide to dial them back and possibly send your car careening off the side of the road and into a ditch or plow it directly into the back of a car stopped on the road in front of you.

What do you do?

The second choice has expensive if not deadly consequences.

It has been estimated that between 25 percent to 30 percent of all accidents are the result of driver distraction, according to AAA of East Tennessee and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

A cell phone is little more than a distraction when it is used while driving.

"What happens is that readily we get too involved in the conversation," said Don Lindsey with AAA. "This is especially true with important calls, emotional calls. It's really remarkable that we don't have more crashes than we do," he said.

Talking on the phone and paying attention to the road are things best done by themselves — people are not good multitaskers, Lindsey said.

"If you choose to do it, know what your cell phone can do before you get into it," Lindsey said.

Johnson City Police Department Lt. Larry Williams has been with the department's traffic team for years, and has seen lots of crashes in which seconds can mean the difference between life and death.

"Well, you know, driving is probably the most dangerous task we have to perform and we do it on a daily basis," Williams said.

"Under optimum conditions, the most time that you have to respond to an emergency situation is 1.6 seconds," Williams said. "Every one-tenth of a second in that response time is critical, because once you perceive the hazard, you've got to go through the decision-making process of what evasive action to take."

Williams said that a recent study released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration equates talking on a cell phone with drunken driving.

"What they found was people talking on a cell phone have the same perception/reaction time as an individual that has a blood alcohol level of 10 or 12," Williams said. "That is scary. Anybody talking on a cell phone might as well be driving drunk, because their perception/reaction time is the same as a drunk driver."

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— Lt. Larry Williams,  
Johnson City Police Department

He said reaction time slows from 1.6 seconds to 3 or 3.5 seconds for a distracted driver, just like an intoxicated driver.

"In my career I've worked thousands of wrecks, but I've worked a lot of wrecks where one or two-tenths of a second made the difference between somebody living and somebody dying, just from where the car got hit."

Because cell phones have become so much a part of life in this country, they are becoming common on the roads.

"We're starting to see more and more of it," Williams said of motorists talking on cell phones while driving. "And you can go down the road and you'll see people, probably almost 40 to 50 percent of the people you pass are talking on a cell phone."

Sometimes, speaking on a cell phone while driving can cause a driver to see or hear nothing else but the conversation.

"The problem with cell phones is they take their attention off the driving and they get engrossed in their conversation so they get what we call tunnel vision," Williams said. "They only see what is directly in front of them to see. And a lot of times they don't even see that until it's too late."

The only law Tennessee has regarding cell phone use while driving is for minors, preventing them from talking on a cell phone while driving unless it is with their parents or with 911 dispatchers.

Williams said that law is weak because officers usually can not tell if a driver is under 18 or whom they are talking to.

"And we have all kinds of distractors," Williams said, citing children, tuning a radio, reaching for a drink, or just about anything else.

Williams said cell phones definitely help law enforcement by allowing the motoring public to be in constant communication with them.

Williams' advice to the motoring public is to limit the things that will take your attention off the road as much as possible.

"Just try to eliminate as many distractions as possible," Williams said.

"And that's all you can do. Some distractors we can eliminate. We just have to do the best we can with what we have to deal with."

## J.S. Group Calls for Cell-driving Bans Nationwide

Stephen Lawson, IDG News Service

Jan 12, 2009 9:40 pm

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The nonprofit National Safety Council on Monday called on all U.S. states to ban the use of cell phones while driving.

The NSC, which says it counts 55,000 companies as members, compared talking or texting while driving to drunken driving and urged states to ban even the use of phones with hands-free kits.

No state has completely banned cell-phone use while driving, though 23 have passed some form of restriction, according to John Ulczycki, the NSC's executive director of communications and public affairs. The group believes it will take years to reach its goal, but it has gone through similar efforts. The NSC has spent years pushing for stronger laws on seatbelt use and drunken driving, he said.

The group said cell phone use contributes to 6 percent of all crashes, referring to a study by the Harvard Center of Risk Analysis. That represents 636,000 crashes, 12,000 serious injuries and 2,600 deaths each year, plus a financial cost of \$43 billion, the NSC said, citing the Harvard study.

Almost all driving laws in the U.S. are set by states. Car cell-phone bans have been advancing in recent years. Eighteen states, plus the District of Columbia, have banned teen-aged drivers from using phones while driving, according to the NSC. But only six have banned the use of handheld phones for everyone, and they have all allowed the use of hands-free systems. That isn't good enough, according to the NSC.

"Hands-free laws are giving people a placebo, in effect," Ulczycki said. A law that allows people to make hands-free calls sends a message that this is safer, but research

is beginning to indicate that it's not, because either kind of call distracts the driver from the road, he said. Laws allowing hands-free use may even increase the accident rate if drivers make more calls in the false belief that they are safe, Ulczycki added.

Calling while driving should concern businesses, too, because crashes can cause injuries and raise costs, maybe even opening up employers to liability, Ulczycki said. An NSC survey indicated 45 percent of its member companies have banned the practice for their employees. For 85 percent of them, the policies haven't affected productivity, the group said. Member companies come from a wide range of industries and join the group to take advantage of safety education and training, Ulczycki said.

The mobile phone industry group CTIA disagreed with the NSC's position. It cited situations where cell-phone use could be critical, such as when children need to tell parents they are waiting somewhere to be picked up.

"We believe that safe, sensible and limited use of a cell phone when you're behind the wheel is possible," wrote John Wallis, CTIA's vice president of public affairs, in a blog post Monday. "If someone is driving irresponsibly because of cell phone use, they should be cited for that. And under current law, they can be."

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 5  
Executive  
No. 2009-01-05

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of January, 2009.

**RESOLUTION Requesting Amendment to the “Sunshine Law” Regarding Communication Outside Public Meetings**

WHEREAS, present state law under the “Sunshine Law” raises an interpretation that one member of a public body cannot discuss or communicate with one other member on public matters or business without being subject to the “Sunshine Law” and being done in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the “Sunshine Law” is certainly a good and essential law, and decisions that are made and done by public bodies should be made with proper notice in the open and subject to public view. However, the interpretation of the word “meeting” that prohibits one member of a public body from discussing or communicating with one other member without being subject to the “Sunshine Law” limits a good discussion between 2 members on the pros and cons, the things that would make a matter better, things that should not be, the good points and the bad points of a matter, etc., without having a public meeting. This is not practical and actually hinders good homework and preparation outside of the public meeting. It can stifle coming up with good ideas. It tends to discourage extra dialogue that could occur between one member with another because of having to have a public meeting for these discussions. It doesn’t make good sense prohibiting 2 commissioners, 2 school board members, or 2 aldermen from talking one on one without it being done in a public meeting; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, recommend to the Tennessee State Legislature that in TCA 8-44-102 where “meeting” is defined that language be added that will permit and have the effect that 2 members of a public body can discuss or communicate with each other on any matter if those 2 members do not constitute a quorum which would be necessary to make a decision for the public body without such discussion or communication being considered a public meeting under the “Sunshine Law”. This communication shall include a face to face discussion, written communication, and electronic communication.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested: Jeanie Gammon  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: Steve M. Godsey  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: James L. King, Jr.**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Elliott Kilgore**

2009-01-05	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 2-2-09	No Action 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-09	<b>APPROVED 02-17-09 23 AYE, 1 NAY</b>

Notes: 1st Reading 01-20-09;

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 6  
Executive  
No. 2009-01-07

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of January, 2009.

**RESOLUTION Appointing James Brotherton to the Tri-Cities Airport Commission**

WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Regional Airport is governed by a Board of Commissioners known as the Tri-Cities Airport Commission; and

WHEREAS, two members of the Tri-Cities Airport Commission serve as representatives of Sullivan County, Tennessee and are to be appointed by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 20 adopted by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners on January 18, 1971 the County Mayor automatically upon taking the oath of office becomes one of Sullivan County's representatives on the Tri-Cities Airport Commission and that nominations for the second representative shall be made by the county legislative body at the first session of each newly elected body with election of such second representative to occur at the succeeding session; and

WHEREAS, County Mayor Steve Godsey automatically became one of Sullivan County's representatives upon taking his oath of office as County Mayor on August 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners has not appointed Sullivan County's second representative on the Tri-Cities Airport Commission subsequent to the election in 2002 nor 2006 as required under Resolution No. 20. The last time the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners appointed its second representative to the Tri-Cities Airport Commission was in May, 2002 at which time Jerry Repass was appointed to said position.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby appoints James Brotherton to serve on the Tri-Cities Airport Commission as the second representative of Sullivan County.**



This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested: Jeanie Gammon  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Wayne McConnell  
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Linda Brittenham, Darlene Calton

2009-01-07	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 2-2-09	No Action 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-09	<b>Approved 02-17-09</b> <b>13 Brotherton, 8 Repass</b> <b>3 Pass</b>

Notes: 1st Reading 01-20-09;

Mayor refused to sign.  
Feels it is in conflict  
with the Atty. General's  
Ruling. TJ

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 7  
Administrative  
No. 2009-02-08

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION To Amend Animal Shelter Budget To Appropriate Revenue Received From Animal Cruelty Case To Expenditure Accounts**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Animal Shelter has received \$4000.00 from an Animal Cruelty Case to be used exclusively for the Welfare of the Animals in the Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Clerk of Sullivan County has issued a check to Sullivan County Friends of the Animal Shelter in restitution from an Animal Cruelty Case and this check has been deposited in a general fund revenue account.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby Amend the appropriations accounts for the Animal Shelter as follows:**

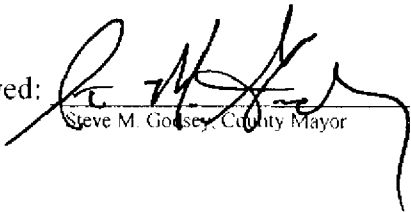
42990.000	\$4,000
55120.400	\$1,500
55120.300	\$2,500

*Waiver of Rules Requested*

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested:   
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved:   
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Linda Brittenham**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Joe Herron**

2009-02-08	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 2-2-09	Approved 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-09	<b>Approved 02-17-09</b> <b>24 Aye</b>

Notes:

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 8  
Executive  
No. 2009-02-09  
Attachment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION To Adopt The Strategic Economic Development Plan**

**WHEREAS**, the Three-Star Program was developed to meet the needs and challenges of the evolving economic environment in urban and rural communities and to partner with communities to create opportunities for sustained economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, communities seeking certification as a Three-Star community must meet certain criteria, including the adoption of a five-year strategic economic development plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in achieving the mission of the Three-Star Program, the Department of Economic and Community Development commits to assist communities in developing and implementing a strategic economic plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the county legislative body of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at Blountville, Tennessee, that:

**SECTION 1.** The legislative body of Sullivan County declares that the county has adopted a five-year strategic economic development plan to be updated annually.

**SECTION 2.** The strategic economic development plan includes the county's economic goals in promoting economic growth, a plan to accomplish those goals and a projected timeline in achieving those goals.

**SECTION 3.** The strategic economic development plan addresses the county's goals pertaining to existing industry, manufacturing recruitment, workforce development, retail/service, tourism, agriculture, infrastructure assessment and educational assessment.

*Waiver of Rules Requested*

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested: *Jeanie Gammon*  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: *Steve M. Godsey*  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Eddie Williams**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): James L. King, Jr.**

2009-02-09	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 2-2-09	Approved 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-09	<b>Approved 02-17-09 24 Aye</b>

Notes:

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### *2009 Economic Development Strategic Plan Update*

## **PRIORITIES and ACTION STEPS**

### **NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership**

The following is a summary of priorities for inclusion in the 2009 Strategic Plan update. The annually updated plan qualifies the community (**Bluff City, Bristol, Kingsport and Sullivan County**) for Tennessee's Three-Star Program administered by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

The update provides a listing of priorities adopted by the Board of Directors of NETWORKS. They are not intended to be exclusive of other community or economic development priorities but are established primarily to aid in the development of an annual program of action for the organization.

#### **Develop and implement an organizational marketing plan which will further the vision of Sullivan County as the preferred choice for business investment.**

- Provide a listing of publications and materials required for prospects, i.e. economic & demographic data profiles, promotional brochures and packets and gift items.
- Structure a promotional program to reflect NETWORKS' efforts in marketing to targeted industrial clusters:
  - Trade shows
  - Advertising
- Provide timetable and budget for marketing efforts.
- Coordinate plan with those of other organizations, i.e.
  - The Regional Alliance for Economic Development
  - Northeast Tennessee Valley Regional Ind. Dev. Assoc.
- Encourage development around Interstate interchanges by assisting Bristol and Kingsport in their efforts to attract destination retail to their communities.

#### **Assist existing businesses with expansion plans and undertake activities which will contribute to the successful operation of businesses in Sullivan County.**

- Maintain a regular business visitation program.
- Maintain an Industrial Directory
- Update "Business Support Services" brochure.
- Create an "Industry Services Directory".
- Host an industrial appreciation event.
- Promote support activities which improve the climate for business success.
  - To include:
    - World Trade Center
    - Foreign Trade Zone
    - Business incubators
    - Business development workshops and conferences

- Explore workforce needs for Sullivan County.
- Work with Northeast State Technical Community College in establishing programs to meet the workforce needs of existing businesses and industries.
- Enhance workforce skills and labor needs through the recruitment of former military, former residents, retirees and those seeking better jobs and quality of life.

**Evaluate, develop and redevelopment of industrial properties within Sullivan County.**

- Continue infrastructure improvements to Partnership Park I.
- Undertake development of Partnership Park II.
- Prepare marketing materials for Partnership Park II.
- Oversee development of industrial access road for Partnership Park II.
- Market Gateway Commerce Park (PP III).
- Market Tri-County Industrial Park.
- Reevaluate plans for the Small Business Park at Northeast TN Business Park.
- Finalize brownfield and reuse study of Davis Pipe.
- Maintain inventory of all available industrial buildings and site within county.

**Improve communications programs and build and strengthen organizational alliances/networking efforts to enhance economic development.**

- Maintain Three-Star Benchmark III certification for Sullivan County and its cities.
- Produce annual report.
- Produce bi-monthly e-mail newsletter.
- Visits to Tennessee ECD Commissioner and marketing staff.
- Visits to area legislators.
- Develop annual work program.
- Coordinate activities with sister development agencies and organizations.
- Revise NETWORKS' website.

**Assist in building a positive image of Sullivan County as a well-rounded, environmentally friendly community with quality education, healthcare, recreation and cultural opportunities.**

- Work with Medical Services Task Force.
- Sponsor environmental-related workshops.
- Seek to maintain "Attainment" status for air quality in Sullivan.

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 9  
Executive  
No. 2009-02-10

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION To Affirm Compliance with Federal Title VI Regulations**

**WHEREAS**, both Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provide that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Attorney General opined in Opinion No. 92.47 that state and local governments are required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in administering federally funded programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Division of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development administers the Three-Star Program and awards financial incentives for communities designated as Three-Star communities; and

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development receiving federal financial assistance all communities designated as Three-Star communities must confirm that the community is in compliance with the regulations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the county legislative body of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at Blountville, Tennessee, that:

**SECTION 1.** The legislative body of Sullivan County declares that the county is in compliance with the federal Title VI regulations.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Economic and Community Development may from time to time monitor the county's compliance with federal Title VI regulations.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

*Waiver of Rules Requested*

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested: Jeanie Gammon  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: Steve M. Godsey  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Eddie Williams**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): James L. King, Jr.**

2009-02-10	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 2-2-09	Approved 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-09	<b>Approved 02-17-09</b> <b>24 Aye</b>

Notes:



Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 10  
Budget  
No. 2009-02-11

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION to amend the 2008 – 2009 General Purpose School Budget for the Microsoft General Purpose Settlement in the amount of \$101,164.87**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education Board approved a budget for this grant; and,

WHEREAS the purpose of these funds is to provide educational reimbursement for internet connectivity cost; and

WHEREAS, no local funds are required to match this grant.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorize amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:**

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46990.000	Other State Revenues (Revenue)	+101,164.87
7110.418	Equipment and Machinery Parts (Expenditure)	+50,000.00
71100.709	Data Processing Equipment (Expenditure)	+51,164.87

*Waiver of Rules Requested*

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested:   
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved:   
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Sam Jones**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Dennis Houser**

2009-02-11	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 2-2-09	Approved 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-09	<b>Approved 02-17-09</b> <b>24 Aye</b>

Notes:

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 11  
Budget  
No. 2009-02-12

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION Amending the 2008 – 2009 General Purpose School Budgeted Revenues by \$56,973.97 for the ConnectN Payments**

**WHEREAS**, this represents flow through money, based on ADM, which is used for system wide internet connections; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2008-10-118 reflected these funds as being received in the prior fiscal year and included in the balances on June 30, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding was actually received in the current fiscal year and needs to be added to the 2009 FY Budgeted revenues to cover the appropriations previously approved.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorize amending the General Purpose School Budgeted revenues as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590.000	Other State Grants (Revenue)	+56,973.97

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested:   
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved:   
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Sam Jones**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Dennis Houser**

2009-02-12	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 2-2-09	Approved 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-11	<b>Approved 02-17-09</b> <b>24 Aye</b>

Notes:

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 12  
Budget  
No. 2009-02-13

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION to Approve the Compensation of the Members of the Sullivan County Board of Education**

**WHEREAS**, the compensation of the Members of the Board of Education has been increased over the past few years from \$250 per member and \$300 for the Chairman to \$350 per member and \$400 for the Chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate increase were to raise the compensation to make it more in line with that paid in other jurisdictions as well as the compensation paid to the members of the Sullivan County Commission (currently \$584.06); and

**WHEREAS**, there was an oversight of the need for the approval of these changes by the Sullivan County Commission as required by the controlling statutes (Section 49-2-202(d), Tennessee Code Annotated) which needs to be corrected.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session approve the monthly rate of compensation for members of the Board of Education at \$350 per member and \$400 for the Chairman.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested: Jeanie Gammon  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: Steve M. Godsey  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Eddie Williams**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Dennis Houser**

2009-02-13	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 2-2-09	Approved 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-09	<b>Approved 02-17-09</b> <b>24 Aye</b>

Notes:

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 13  
Executive  
No. 2009-02-14  
Amendments

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION Dissolving Historical Advisory Board and Establishing a Preservation and Tourism Advisory Board**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Historical Advisory Board was created by Resolution No. 2002-04-41, item #5, approved by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners on May 20, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the initial purpose of the Historical Advisory Board was to review objectives in accepting donation of Old Deery Inn, Rutledge House and surrounding property from the Sullivan County Historical Preservation Association to Sullivan County in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County will be better served by the creation and support of a Preservation and Tourism Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Archives and History and the Sullivan County Department of Tourism have merged and are now known as the Sullivan County Department of Archives and Tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Archives and Tourism shall be greatly enhanced by the creation and support of a Preservation and Tourism Advisory Board that shall replace the Historical Advisory Board; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby dissolves the Sullivan County Historical Advisory Board and establishes the Preservation and Tourism Advisory Board. The Preservation and Tourism Advisory Board shall consist of three (3) county commissioners (one from each of the three sections of the county: Bristol, Blountville and Kingsport) who shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners and whose term shall be coterminous with their current term as a County Commissioner, the Director of the Sullivan County Department of Archives and Tourism, the President of the Historic Preservation Association, the President of the Historical and Genealogical Society, and the County Historian. The County Mayor shall be requested to serve on said Board as an ex-officio member.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Preservation and Tourism Advisory Board shall provide the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners with a quarterly report summarizing its progress.**

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Dennis Houser**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Joe Herron**

2009-02-14	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Executive</b>	<b>County Commission</b>
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 2-2-09	Approved 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-09	<b>1st Reading</b> <b>02-17-09</b>

Notes:

Amendment No. 1 To Resolution No. 2009-02-14

The Preservation and Tourism Advisory Board shall consist of three (3) County Commissioners (one from each of the three sections of the county; Bristol, Blountville, and Kingsport, who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Commissioners.

**Sponsored By: Joe Herron**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Bart Long, Linda Brittenham, Eddie Williams, Cathy Armstrong, Buddy King, Dwight King, Terry Harkleroad, James L. King, Jr., W.G. "Bill" Kilgore, Mark Vance, O. W. Ferguson, Elliott Kilgore, Darlene Calton**

Amendment No. 2 To Resolution No. 2009-02-14

Be it resolved that wherever the phrase "Preservation and Tourism Advisory Board" is used in this resolution, the phrase shall be replaced with the phrase that reads "Historical Preservation and Tourism Advisory Board".

**Sponsored By: James L. King, Jr.**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 14  
Budget  
No. 2009-02-15

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION Authorizing Request for Unclaimed Balance of Accounts Remitted to State Treasurer Under Unclaimed Property Act**

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated §66-29-102 and §66-29-123, as amended by Public Chapter 401, Acts of 1985, provide that a municipality or county in Tennessee may request payment for the unclaimed balance of funds reported and remitted by or on behalf of the local government and its agencies if it exceeds One hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, less a proportionate share of the cost of administering the program; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County and/or its agencies have remitted unclaimed accounts to the State Treasurer in accordance with the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act for the report years ending December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County agrees to meet all of the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated §66-29-101, et seq., and to accept liability for future claims against accounts represented in funds paid to it and to submit an annual report of claims received on these accounts to the State Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, it is agreed that Sullivan County will retain a sufficient amount to insure prompt payment of allowed claims without deduction for administrative costs or service charge and that the balance of funds will be deposited in Sullivan County's general fund.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009 hereby request the State Treasurer to pay the unclaimed balance of funds remitted for the 2006 and 2007 report year to Sullivan County in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated §66-29-121.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested: Jeanie Gammon  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: Steve M. Godsey  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Wayne McConnell**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Mark Vance**

2009-02-15	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>	Approved 2-2-09	Approved 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-09	<b>Approved 02-17-09</b> <b>24 Aye</b>

Notes:



Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 15  
Budget  
No. 2009-02-16

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION to Amend 2008-09 FY General Fund Budget for Grant for Election Commission**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee provides HAVA (Help America Vote Act) Grants to develop and improve the election process in counties.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, approve the grant and amend the General Fund budgeted revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$ 4,500 to cover the cost of rental of equipment for the early voting process in the recent elections in Sullivan County. Account codes to be assigned by the Director of Accounts & Budgets.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Eddie Williams**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Buddy King**

2009-02-16	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>		Approved 2-5-09	Approved 2-9-09	<b>1st Reading</b> <b>02-17-09</b>

Notes:

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 16  
Administrative/Budget/Executive  
No. 2009-02-17  
Attachment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION To Eliminate All Unnecessary Travel Including Conferences And Seminars For All Sullivan County Elected And/Or Appointed Officials**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Sullivan County are now facing economic hard times with near future looking even more bleak; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Government should realize that our financial condition is bad and the worst is yet to come; and

WHEREAS, counties and cities across the nation have already cut spending in the current budget and are preparing for even deeper cuts in next year's budget; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, Governor Bredesen says that revenue shortfall will force him to cut over \$900 million from the proposed state budget; and

WHEREAS, the State will be keeping a larger portion of this revenue, meaning less for County government, less for our General Fund, Highway Fund, Health Department and Schools; and

WHEREAS, citizens everywhere are being forced to cut back in these tough economic times and we, as Commissioners, need to set an example by being more prudent with their tax dollars.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session by resolution eliminate all unnecessary travel including conferences and seminars for all County elected and/or appointed officials. Necessary travel is to be approved by a standing committee.**

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: John McKamey**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Dennis Houser**

2009-02-17	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>			Motion Failed 2-9-09	<b>1st Reading</b> <b>02-17-09</b>

Notes:

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 17  
Budget  
No. 2009-02-18

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION To Amend the General Fund Appropriations for County Coroner and Medical Examiner**

WHEREAS, the budgets for the County Coroner and Medical Examiner have not been sufficient for several years due to the aging population and increased number of deaths resulting in a delay in keeping up with current expenses; and

WHEREAS, the current year's Coroner's and Medical Examiner's budgets have been expended for fees and body bags and there remains several months additional billing for this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, these expenses are mostly beyond the Coroner's control regardless of budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorize amendments to the appropriations for the County Coroner and Medical Examiner as follows:**

<b>Increase:</b>	54610.100	County Coroner Fees	\$15,000
	54610.400	County Coroner Supplies	\$ 5,000
	54610.300	Medical Examiner	\$15,000
<b>Source:</b>	39000	Unallocated	\$35,000

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested: *Jeanie Gammon*  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: *Steve M. Godsey*  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: James "Buddy" King**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Dwight King, Brotherston**

2009-02-18	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>			Approved 2-9-09	<b>Approved 02-17-09</b> <b>24 Aye</b>

Notes:

**John McKamey  
233 Blalock Rd.  
Piney Flats, Tn. 37686**

**January 30, 2008**

**Sullivan County is not an exception concerning the hard economic times facing all of the United States. Sullivan County will have it's fair share of budget deficits just like all counties. All departments in Sullivan County Government are being faced with budget cuts in the oncoming months.**

**With thousands of layoffs each day, home foreclosures, the steady rise in fuel cost once again, the large increase in electric bills, high grocery prices and high health care cost, the time has come for county commissioners and all department heads to tighten their belts and rein in unnecessary spending.**

**The citizens of Sullivan County are relying on their leaders to do away with pork barrel spending that serves no purpose in this spiraling downward economy.**

**It's the responsibility of all Sullivan County leaders to reach common ground and to implement necessary action that will benefit the people of our great county.**

**It's time Sullivan County leaders take action to put the best interest of the people of Sullivan County first and foremost.**

**Regards,**

*Wayne Boling*  
**Wayne Boling**

**Bluff City, Tn. 37618**

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 18  
Budget  
No. 2009-02-19

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**Resolution to Better Manage Cost for Personal Services and Benefits for the Various Departments of Sullivan County**

WHEREAS, based upon the downturn in the economic climate in Sullivan County, as has occurred across other parts of the State of Tennessee and the country, it is obvious that the ultimate ability of Sullivan County to maintain all the necessary services that the citizens of this county need and expect will be very difficult to continue in the fashion they have experienced in the past; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent in such economic conditions to take reasonable actions in curtailing additional commitments and expending of funds where possible to maintain the basic services to the citizens of this County; and

WHEREAS, also in order to maintain the current workforce's wages and their benefits, it is necessary to follow what the State of Tennessee has done, as well as, many other governments and businesses by restricting the further commitment to additional employees and those currently employed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a hiring freeze on full-time personnel be implemented for all Sullivan County Departments immediately; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a situation should occur due to the lack of adequate personnel, that would be detrimental to the overall operations of the County, that part-time employees or temporary employees be utilized to provide these services and if this can not provide the necessary services to the people by the respective office or department, the official or department head must appear before their respective Standing Committee and the Budget Committee to present their need for additional staffing for approval; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that overtime pay be limited to emergency situations as explained in writing and all other overtime to be compensated by using comp-time which should be scheduled as time off immediately within the pay period if possible and, if not, scheduled timely.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all wage increases and promotions are to be frozen; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a report be prepared by the Office of Accounts and Budgets for the Budget Committee and forwarded to the County Commission of all changes in employment by each department including full-time and part-time employees, as well as, the number of vacant full-time positions at the end of each month. Also, include the status of over-time paid, as well as, comp-time accrued; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that due to the limited powers that the Commission may exercise over certain departments, especially, the Constitutional Offices, it is respectfully requested that they, with the exception of the Jail, comply with all provisions of this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this policy will continue into effect until the budget for the 2010 fiscal year is approved or until the Commission takes action to modify or amend this policy.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: James Buddy” King**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Dwight King, Bill Kilgore, Terry Harkleroad, Eddie Williams, Elliott Kilgore, O. W. Ferguson, Bart Long, Linda Brittenham, Garth Blackburn, Joe Herron, Cathy Armstrong, Darlene Calton, Clyde Groseclose, Larry Hall**

2009-02-19	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>				<b>1st Reading 02-17-09</b>

Notes:

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 19  
Administrative/Budget  
No. 2009-02-20

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION To Amend the Ambulance Service Fund Budget in the Amount of \$55,000 for the Settlement Received From Ford Motor Company**

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Service purchased 2 ambulances in 2004 on chassis manufactured by Ford Motor Company which had a number of continuing mechanical problems; and

WHEREAS, based upon the continuing mechanical problems a claim was presented to Ford Motor Company to resolve those issues and, after considerable negotiations, an agreement was reached to make settlement by paying Sullivan County \$55,000; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County plans to purchase a new Type 2 ambulance which will be utilizing these funds along with an undetermined amount of previously appropriated funds to complete the purchase once the bids are received.

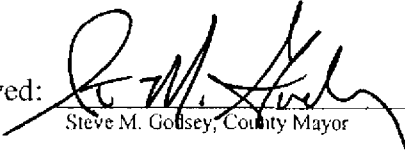
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby amends the Ambulance Service Fund Budget as follows:**

Increase Appropriation Account No.	55130.700	Capital Outlay	\$55,000
Increase Revenue Source Account No.	44560	Funds Recovered	\$55,000

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested:   
Jamie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved:   
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Eddie Williams**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): James "Buddy" King**

2009-02-20	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
ACTION				Approved 02-17-09 24 Aye

Notes:

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 20  
Executive  
No. 2009-02-21

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION To Improve Safe Storage of Sullivan County Historical Records**

WHEREAS, historical records are of great and important value and should be preserved and taken care of with prevention from loss, destruction, damage, or wear and tear; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has a wealth of historical records and also records that will become historical with time, among which are such items as records of the business, of the local legislative body (the old county court and the Board of County Commissioners, court records (Civil and Criminal), property records (deeds, wills, estates, etc.), marriage licenses, birth certificates, important records of different departments of the County, genealogy records, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has made a great beginning in preserving and protecting the records particularly through its History and Archives Department; and

WHEREAS, however, to do the job that needs to be done Sullivan County needs a larger, safer (particularly from fire or water), and more workable building where these records can be brought together in one location to be kept for future generations and be used at the present.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize the appointment of a committee to study and look into the construction of a building (fire and water proof) or adding an addition onto the rear of the present History and Archives building and also to explore and determine how funds for such a project might be raised including such things as a grant or grants, a bond, or gifts. The committee is to report back their findings to the Full Commission.**

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: James L. King, Jr.**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

2009-02-21	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
ACTION				1st Reading 02-17-09

Notes:



Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 21  
Executive/Budget  
No. 2009-02-22

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION To Request That Sullivan County's Potential Share Of Any Federal Stimulus Funds Be Used For The Improvement Of Infrastructure**

WHEREAS, Congress has passed the economic stimulus bill which includes huge funds for use on infrastructure and funds for the states; and

WHEREAS, there is a definite need for funds in Sullivan County and our immediate region to be used in improving our roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, road projects that are among those that merit being started or brought to a completion are State Route 126, State Route 75, State Route 36, and State Route 357; and

WHEREAS, some of these projects have been talked about for a long time and have been delayed for a "lack of funds", now is the time to seek some of these funds (although they may not be enough, but they certainly can help) and request our State Legislators to use all of the influence, persuasion, or "clout" to make as much of these stimulus funds that may be made available to Tennessee, be made available to Sullivan County as possible and our immediate region so that these needed projects can be completed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session go on record as requesting those legislators who represent Sullivan County to go to work for us on our request in connection with these road projects, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of them.**

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

Attested: Jeanie Gammon  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: Steve M. Godsey  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: James L. King, Jr.  
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Blotketton

2009-02-22	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
ACTION				Approved 02-17-09 23 Yea, 1 Pass

Notes:

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 22  
Executive  
No. 2009-02-23  
Attachment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

<sup>Revisit</sup>  
**RESOLUTION To ~~Revert To~~ Resolution No. 2007-08-92 On Cooperation And Sharing Through ~~Previous~~ Agreements**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission on September 7, 2007 passed a resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto, requesting the governing bodies of the municipalities or entities in Sullivan County to join with Sullivan County in the appointment of a joint committee to study and explore where cooperation and sharing through agreements as authorized in TCA 5-113 might be achieved and said committee report back to the County Commissioners and those entities that join the undertaking for possible approval by each of the entities after the study is complete; and

WHEREAS, some of the reasons and possibilities for exploring and making the study for cooperation and sharing as set out in this resolution of September 17, 2007 are still there and even more so in all areas of governmental service and particularly in the field of education. (Take note of the recent findings of the Study of County Schools; how schools are affected by annexation; whether to build, to repair, to close, etc.).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session resolve that action be taken to put into play the exploration as set out in the original resolution on this topic – also have some representation of the School Boards or systems on this joint committee in regard to the question of education.**

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: James L. King, Jr.**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

2009-02-23	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>				<b>1st Reading</b> <b>02-17-09</b>

Notes: **Sponsor wishes to strike the word "revert to" and replace with the word "revisit". Also, strike the word "previous".**

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

9/18  
Item 42  
Executive  
No. 2007-08-92

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August, 2007.

**RESOLUTION To Have Sullivan County Adopt TCA 5-113 Provisions Regarding Agreements, Compacts, or Contractual Relations**

WHEREAS, TCA 5-113 provides that "the county legislative body of any county and the chief legislative body of any one (1) or more municipalities lying within the boundaries of the county are authorized and empowered to enter into any such agreements, compacts, or contractual relations as may be desirable or necessary for the purpose of permitting the county and the municipality or municipalities to conduct, operate or maintain, either jointly, or otherwise, desirable and necessary services or functions, under such terms as may be agreed upon by the county legislative body and the chief legislative body of the municipality or the chief legislative bodies of the municipalities"; and

WHEREAS, it is possible that such things as elimination or reduction of duplication of services, gaps in service, reduction in cost, and better planning for building projects to meet future needs, particularly in education while the uncertainty of annexation is a factor, can be achieved through agreements of cooperation and sharing; and

WHEREAS, all of the above and more is possible and can be achieved by agreements between the entities while still maintaining the historical identity and name of the agreeing, sharing, and working together entities, and many of the same advantages can be accomplished without going through the process of metropolitan government; and

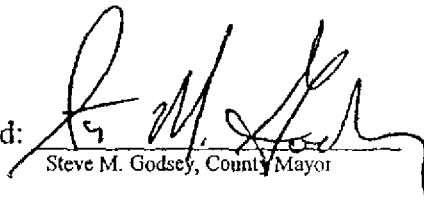
WHEREAS, it recognized that although some of the above already exists to some degree, it is worth the effort to look at all areas where cooperative agreements would work to the advantage of the participating parties, Areas like purchasing, roads, law enforcement, education, etc. should be explored.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize and request that the County Mayor contact the governing bodies of the municipalities in Sullivan County asking them to join in the appointment of a joint committee to study and explore where cooperation and sharing through agreements as set out above could be achieved and report back to this Commission and to those entities that join in this undertaking for possible approval by each of the entities after the study is complete. (It would be good if each of the major areas of services have representatives on the committees like purchasing, roads, law enforcement, and education.)

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17th day of September 2007.

Attested:   
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved:   
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: James L. King, Jr.

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Joe Herron

2007-08-92	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
ACTION				Approved 09-17-07 20 Aye, 4 Absent

Notes: 1st Reading 08-20-07;

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 23  
Executive  
No. 2009-02-24  
Attachment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February 2009.

**RESOLUTION To Authorize Reducing the Speed Limit from 45 MPH To 35 MPH on Sullivan Gardens Parkway 8th Commissioner District**

WHEREAS, Commissioner Eddie Williams requested the Sullivan County Highway Department to make this change; and,

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department reviewed the request and approved same;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes the following traffic sign placements in Sullivan County:**

**8th Commission District**

**To Reduce the SPEED LIMIT from 45 MPH to 35 MPH  
On Sullivan Gardens Parkway**

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Eddie Williams**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Darlene Calton**

2009-02-24	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
<b>ACTION</b>				<b>1st Reading 02-17-09</b>

Notes:

**RESOLUTION REQUEST REVIEW**

**DATE:** February 10, 2009

**TO:** Sullivan County Commission

**REQUEST MADE BY:** Eddie Williams

**SUBJECT:** To reduce the Speed Limit from 45 MPH to 35 MPH  
on Sullivan Gardens Parkway.

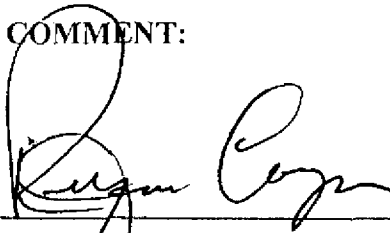
8 **CIVIL DISTRICT**

Darlene Calton

X **APPROVED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

       **DENIED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**COMMENT:**

  
2/12/2009  
**TRAFFIC COORDINATOR**

  
2/12/2009  
**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER**

Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Board of County Commissioners

Item 24  
Executive  
No. 2009-02-25

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of February, 2009.

**RESOLUTION Authorizing Sullivan County to Repurchase Lynn View School Property Previously Sold to Tri-Cities Christian Schools, Inc.**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2003-10-107 as amended and approved November 17, 2003, and thereafter as amended by voice vote in January and February, 2004, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners authorized Sullivan County to enter into a Lease with Option to Purchase Agreement with Tri-Cities Christian School for the Lynn View School property excluding the stadium and ballfields; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Cities Christian Schools thereafter exercised its option to purchase the subject property and pursuant to Resolution No. 2005-05-039 approved June 27, 2005 the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners authorized Sullivan County to transfer title to the subject property to Tri-Cities Christian Schools pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the property was conveyed to Tri-Cities Christian Schools by deed dated September 1, 2005 with language in the Deed such that Sullivan County reserved and retained the right of first refusal to repurchase the property pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in the Lease Agreement should Tri-Cities Christian Schools decide to sell the property in the future; and

WHEREAS, notice has been served upon Sullivan County that Tri-Cities Christian Schools intends to close the subject property and Sullivan County needs to exercise its right to repurchase the subject property should the right of first refusal arise;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on the 17th day of February, 2009 hereby authorize the purchase of the portion of Lynn View School Property previously sold to Tri-Cities Christian Schools pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement.**

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

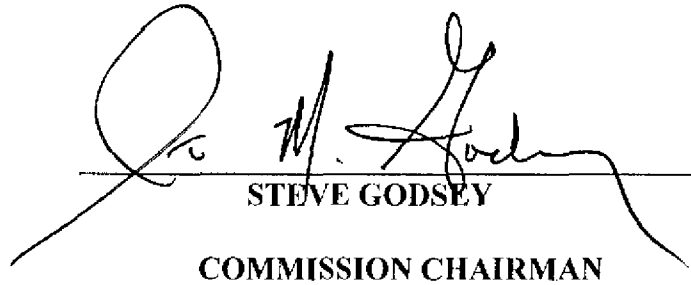
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Wayne McConnell**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): O. W. Ferguson**

2009-02-25	Administrative	Budget	Executive	County Commission
ACTION				1st Reading 02-17-09

Notes:

**AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED UPON  
MOTION MADE BY COMM. BLACKBURN TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR  
SESSION MARCH 16, 2009.**



**STEVE GODSEY**  
**COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**