

COUNTY COMMISSION- REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 19, 2007

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TO WIT:

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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| CATHY L. ARMSTRONG | GARTH BLACKBURN |
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| DARLENE R. CALTON | |
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| | JOE HERRON |
| DENNIS HOUSER | SAMUEL C. JONES |
| ELLIOTT KILGORE | BILL KILGORE |
| DWIGHT KING | BUDDY KING |
| JAMES L. KING, JR. | R. WAYNE MCCONNELL |
| JOHN MCKAMEY | RANDY MORRELL |
| HOWARD G. PATRICK | MICHAEL SURGENOR |
| MARK A. VANCE | EDDIE WILLIAMS |
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SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

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To Honor and Recognize Ralph Harr 1926 - 2007

Whereas, There are many things we could say about Ralph Harr;

We could tell about his family whom he loved.

We could tell about his church he supported.

We could tell about his many years as Clerk and Master in Sullivan County.

We could tell about his long service to the citizens of Sullivan County as a County Commissioner.

But Ralph Harr can more importantly be described with these words:

Honest – A trustworthy person, a person to be relied on.

Faithful – Faith without question, honorable, a man who believed in God.

Patient – He made haste slowly realizing that borrowing trouble from the future does not deplete the supply.

Mature – He could stick with a job until it was finished. He could bear an injustice without wanting to get even.

Last, but not least,

Humble – As he was a humble man, he regarded others as better than himself.

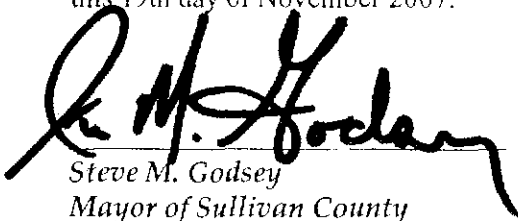
John Wesley said, "Do all you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can."

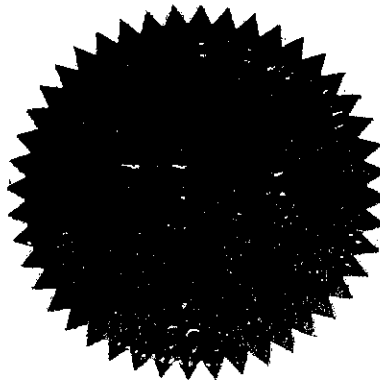
This has been said by the life of Ralph Harr, a true gentleman.

He will be remembered by what he left in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

May these words be spread upon the minutes of the Sullivan County Commission this day.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the County of Sullivan to be affixed this 19th day of November 2007.


Steve M. Godsey
Mayor of Sullivan County



SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE



*PROCLAMATION to Honor and Recognize
The Retired Teachers of
Sullivan County*

Proclamation

Whereas, Education is a foundation and integral part of our society; and

Whereas, The concept of a free and equal education is an American tradition; and

Whereas, The retired teachers of Sullivan County have dedicated their working lives to uphold this concept and tradition; and

Whereas, It is appropriate to acknowledge a debt of gratitude to these former teachers; and

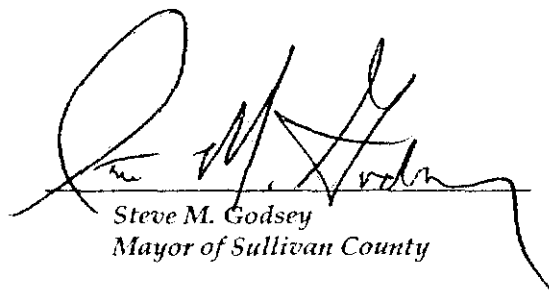
Whereas, Retired Teachers Day was November 18, 2007 and Sullivan County is grateful for these dedicated education professionals;

Now, therefore, I, Steve Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, do hereby commend

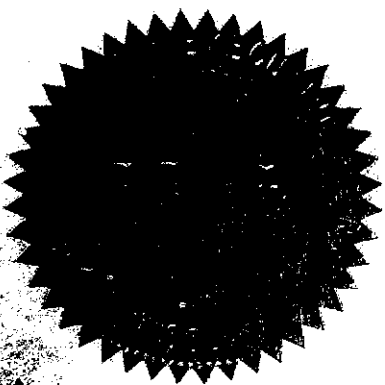
The Retired Teachers of Sullivan County

for their diligent efforts to provide a quality education for our young people and hereby acknowledge a debt of gratitude to the former teachers of Sullivan County.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the County of Sullivan to be affixed this 19th day of November, 2007.



Steve M. Godsey
Mayor of Sullivan County



PUBLIC COMMENTS: NOVEMBER 19, 2007

THOSE SPEAKING DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT TIME WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Don Anderson concerning campground regulations

Upon completion of Mr. Anderson's comments, Chair called Commission back in session at which time Comm. Morrell made the motion, seconded by Comm. Armstrong to consider allowing Mr. Anderson to be included in the grandfather clause. Motion failed by roll call vote-1 aye, 21 nay, 2 absent

2. Vickie Clark, UT Extension recognizing Polly Wagner and Dennis Houser

3. Jason Booher concerning Resolution #2 on today's agenda

4. Bruce Compton concerning litter problem throughout the county

PROCLAMATION was presented by Congressman David Davis' Office to the family of Comm. Ralph P. Harr paying U. S. Congressional Tribute to Mr. Harr.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

ELECTION OF NOTARIES

OCTOBER 15, 2007

SHERRI LEE ADAMS

WALLACE D. ALLEY, JR

TERESA DUVALL ALLGOOD

ANGELA D. BARKER

RALPH INGERSOLL BARKLEY, III

JOHN A. A. BELLAMY

JAMES R. BOATRIGHT

ANNA L. BOYD

JOSEPH DONALD CALLAHAN

DAWNITA CAUDILL

STEPHANIE LYNN CHRISTIANSEN

MIRANDA DAVIS

NATASHA MAELEE DAVIS

WENDY MARIE HOBBS

EDITH MARIE HODGE

JUDY HODGES

MICHELE D. HOWINGTON

MARK ISAAC

MARY RUTH HUBBERT JONES

AMY R. JORDAN

ROBIN A. KETRON

RONNIE LEE LUSTER

LINDA NEWMAN MORRIS

JOHN KENNETH PRIDEMORE

JOYCE ANN RHOTEN

JASON ROARK

MARY P. ROSSIE

DIANE M. SLAGLE

KAYLA C. TRENT

GLENDA T. VENABLE

JAMES A. WILDER

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. BILL KILGORE
AND SECONDED BY COMM. BRITTENHAM TO APPROVE
THE NOTARY APPLICATIONS HEREON, SAID
MOTION WAS APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF
THE COMMISSION. 22 AYE, 2 ABSENT.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY
SURETY BONDS

NOVEMBER 19, 2007

PENNY D. BAYS

ROBERT L. COLE, SR

TERESA A. DAUGHERTY

JOEY A. GIBSON

DOYLE T. GROGG

DORIS M. JOHNSON

HAZEL M. JOHNSON

THOMAS M. RIDDLE

RHONDA M. TICKLES

BOBBY J. WHEELER

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. BILL. KILGORE AND SECONDED BY COMM. BRITTENHAM
TO APPROVE THE NOTARY BONDS OF THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS, SAID MOTION WAS
APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. 22 AYE, 2 ABSENT.

| QUESTIONS BEFORE THE COMM. | No. Roll Call | | No. App. Minutes | | App. Notary | | Mentioned in Andrew's Report | | elector Comm. No. 11 | | No. 12 | | No. | |
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| | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay |
| Armstrong | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Long | |
| Blackburn | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| Brittenham | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| Brotherton | ✓ | | A | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| Calton | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Long | |
| Ferguson | A | | A | | A | | A | A | A | | A | | A | A |
| Pres. Rose | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| Harplead | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Long | |
| Gen Harr | <i>(Voted on motion on this page after taking oath)</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Long | |
| Herron | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Long | |
| Houser | ✓ | | ✓ | | A | | A | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| Genes | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| Elliott Kilgore | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| W. Bill Kilgore | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Long | |
| Dwight King | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Long | |
| J. Buddy King | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| James King Jr. | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Long | |
| McCormell | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| McKamey | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| Marneal | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| Patrick | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| Surgener | ✓ | | A | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |
| Vance | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Long | |
| Williams | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Harr | |

(Surgener came in late)

Gen Harr elected & took seat & voted after taking oath.

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 21 hrs 1 lbs
 20 hrs 20 lbs
 20 hrs 20 lbs
 6 hrs 1 lbs
 16 hrs 1 lbs

AGENDA

Sullivan County Board of County Commission

November 19 2007

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

- (1) File No. 09/07#1 James Crawford:
Reclassify R-1 property located at 5715 Starlight Road to R-2 for the purpose of allowing for a singlewide mobile home to be placed on the property. Property ID No Tax map 103, Parcel 167.00 located in the 15 Civil District.
Sullivan County Planning

- (2) File No. 09/07#2 Request from Bluff City:
Request from Bluff City to rezone the Chad Baker property, which is within the urban growth area of the Town of Bluff City and located on Hwy 11-E from M-1 to B-3. Property ID No Tax Map 110, Parcel 58.00 located in the 16th Civil District. **Sullivan County Planning**

PETITION TO SULLIVAN COUNTY FOR REZONING # 09/07# 1

A request for rezoning is made by the person named below; said request to go before the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission for recommendation to the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners.

Property Owner: James Crawford

Address: 5715 Starlight Road
Kingsport, Tn 37660

Phone 787-2177 Date of Request 09/12/2007

Property Located in 15 Civil District

James E. Crawford
Signature of Applicant

OFFICE USE ONLY

Meeting Date 10/16/07 Time 7:00 pm

Place 2nd floor Courthouse Main St

Planning Commission Approved
Denied

County Commission Approved
Denied

Other Roll Call Vote 22 Aye, 2 Absent

Final Action Date 11-19-07

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Tax Map No: 103 Group Parcel 167.00

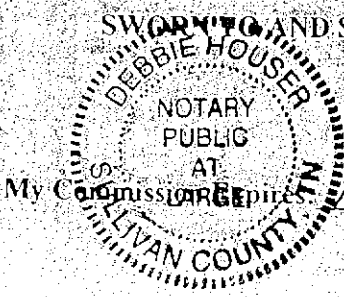
Zoning Map 23 Zoning District R-1 Proposed District R-2

Property Location: 5715 Starlight Road

Purpose of Rezoning: To allow a single wide mobile home

The undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby acknowledges that the information provided in this petition to Sullivan County for Rezoning is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

James E. Crawford
before me this 12th day of Sept 2007



Debbie Houser
Notary Public

11-16-08

PETITION TO SULLIVAN COUNTY FOR REZONING #109/07#2

A request for rezoning is made by the person named below; said request to go before the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission for recommendation to the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners.

Property Owner: Chad Baker
Address: _____
Phone _____ Date of Request 09 / 12 / 2007
Property Located in 16th Civil District
City of Bluff City
Signature of Applicant

OFFICE USE ONLY

Meeting Date 10/16/2007 Time 7:00pm
Place Old Blountville Courthouse

Planning Commission Approved _____
Denied
County Commission Approved _____
Denied _____

Other Deferred 13 Aye, 9 Nay, 2 Absent

Final Action Date _____
Motion made by McKamey, 2nd by Harkleroad to defer vote for 1 month and for County Attorney

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Tax Map No. 110 / Group _____ / Parcel part of 58.00
Zoning Map 26 Zoning District M-1 Proposed District B-3

Property Location : West side of Hwy 11-E in Bluff City
Purpose of Rezoning: Bluff City has requested the property be zoned to B-3 for arterial business.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby acknowledges that the information provided in this petition to Sullivan County for Rezoning is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this _____ day of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public

QUESTIONS BEFORE THE COMM.

Resolution Request

No.

Resolutions

Nc

| NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS | 1 | | 2 | | <i>McKamey table</i> | | 3 | | 4 | | 5 | | 6 | | 7 | | 8 | | | |
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| | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | | |
| Armstrong | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Blackburn | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Brittenham | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Brotherton | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Calton | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Ferguson | A | | A | | A | | | | A | | A | | A | | | | | | | |
| Gross close | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | A | | A | | | | | | | |
| Hackleroad | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Gen. Norton | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Narron | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Houser | A | | A | | A | | | | A | | A | | A | | | | | | | |
| Jones | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Elliott Kilgore | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| W. Bill Kilgore | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Dwight King | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| J. Budely King | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| James L. King Jr. | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| McConnell | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| McKamey | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Mennel | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Patrick | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Surgenor | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Vance | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Williams | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| | 27 Aye | | 13 Aye | | 27 Aye | | 21 Aye | | 27 Aye | | 21 Aye | | 21 Aye | | 27 Aye | | 21 Aye | | 27 Aye | |
| | 2 ays. | | 9 ays | | 27 ays. | | 2 ays. | | 27 ays. | | 2 ays. | | 27 ays. | | 2 ays. | | 27 ays. | | 27 ays. | |

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QUESTIONS BEFORE THE COMM.

| NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS | No. 12 | | No. 13 | | No. 14 | | No. 15 | | No. 16 | | No. 17 | | No. 18 | | No. 19 | |
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| | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay |
| Armstrong | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Blackburn | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Brittenham | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Brotherton | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Calton | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Ferguson | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | |
| Goodale | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | |
| Hanklehead | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Jon Har | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Herron | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | |
| Houser | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | |
| Jones | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Elliott Kelgore | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| W Bill Kelgore | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Dwight King | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| J Buddy King | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| James L. King Jr | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| McConnell | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| McKamey | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Monnell | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Patrick | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Surgenor | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Vance | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Williams | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| | | | 20 Aye | | 20 Aye | | | | | | 20 Aye | | | | | |
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QUESTIONS BEFORE THE COMM.

| NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS | No. 20 | | No. 21 | | No. 22 | | No. 23 | | No. 24 | | No. 25 | | No. 26 | | No. | |
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| | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay | Aye | Nay |
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| Gross | | | | | A | | | | A | A | | | | | | |
| Harkbroad | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Open Hall | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Herron | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | A | | | | | | |
| Houser | A | | A | | A | | A | | A | A | | A | | A | | A |
| Jones | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Elliott (Kilgore) | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| W. Bill Kilgore | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Dwight King | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| J. Buddy King | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Jameson King | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| McConnell | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| McKamey | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Manell | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Patrick | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Surgenor | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Vance | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Williams | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |

21 Aye 20 Aye
3 Nays 4 Nays
3 Aye 3 Aye

RESOLUTIONS ON DOCKET FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2007

| RESOLUTIONS | ACTION |
|---|-----------------------|
| #1 AMENDMENTS TO THE SULL CO ZONING RESOLUTION | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #2 REQUIRE LOCAL COMPANIES RECEIVING COUNTY TAX INCENTIVES OR FUNDS TO EMPLOY ONLY U.S. CITIZENS OR LEGALLY DOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #3 AUTHORIZE PLACING A NO PARKING SIGN ON PLAINVIEW DRIVE IN THE 4 TH COMM. DISTRICT | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #4 AUTHORIZING SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR RENTAL OF OFFICE SPACE FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE IN KINGSPORT | WITHDRAWN 11-19-07 |
| #5 ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AND AMENDED SULLIVAN COUNTY ETHICS POLICY | DEFERRED 11-19-07 |
| #6 AUTHORIZING RE-ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #7 AUTHORIZING ABANDONMENT OF A FIFTY-FOOT STRIP OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ON US 11W | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #8 AUTHORIZE PLACING A STOP SIGN AT INTERSECTION OF GRELI DRIVE AND RODEFER HOLLOW ROAD IN THE 6 TH COMMISSIONER DISTRICT | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #9 AUTHORIZE PLACING A 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON CANTERBURY DRIVE IN THE 6 TH COMMISSIONER DISTRICT | WITHDRAWN 11-19-07 |
| #10 AUTHORIZE PLACING A STOP SIGN ON AKARD LANE AND LATTURE LANE, ON DROKE LANE AND LATTURE LANE, AND ON TRI-STATE LIME ROAD AND COLD SPRINGS ROAD IN THE 6 TH COMM. DISTRICT | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #11 AUTHORIZE PLACING A STOP SIGN ON CRUSSELL DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF ENTERPRISE ROAD IN THE 5 TH COMM. DISTRICT | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #12 REQUESTING THAT BRIDGE NO.82-SR-044-9.91 NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF SR44 AND RYDER CHURCH ROAD HATCHER CREEK (RIGHT PRONG) IN THE HICKORY TREE COMM. OF SULL. CO. BE NAMED IN HONOR OF PFC. EUGENE H. STEPP | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #13 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO COMPLETE A SITUS BASE SALES TAX AUDIT OF TAXPAYERS | APPROVED 11-19-07 |

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| #14 REQUEST A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PICKENS BRIDGE ROAD TO BOWMAN FORD ROAD | 1 ST READING 11-19-07 |
| #15 REQUEST A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ALLISON ROAD TO HICKS ROAD | 1 ST READING 11-19-07 |
| #16 APPROVE THE SULL. CO. SCHOOL DEPT. TO ENTER INTO A 3 YEAR LEASE WITH C. I. T. TECHNOLOGY FINANCING TO UPGRADE PHOTO-COPIER FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE | 1 ST READING 11-19-07 |
| #17 AUTHORIZE PLACING A 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN ON CANTERBURY DRIVE AND TO INCREASE THE SPEED LIMIT ON MASSENGILL ROAD FROM 25 MPH TO 35 MPH IN THE 4 TH COMM. DISTRICT | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #18 REQUESTING STATE OF TENN. TO PROHIBIT CELL PHONE USE BY DRIVER WHILE MOTOR VEHICLE IS IN MOTION | 1 ST READING 11-19-07 |
| #19 REQUESTING U.S. CONGRESS REQUIRE MANDATORY TWO-YEARS OF NATIONAL SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUALS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL | 1 ST READING 11-19-07 |
| #20 REQUESTING AMENDMENT TO THE "SUNSHINE LAW" REGARDING COMMUNICATIN OUTSIDE PUBLIC MEETINGS | 1 ST READING 11-19-07 |
| #21 REGARDING WAIVER OF RULES WHEN VOTING ON RESOLUTION | 1 ST READING 11-19-07 |
| #22 APPROVE ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH CIGNA FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008 | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #23 TO NAME THE JUSTICE CENTER IN BRISTOL TENN. AS RALPH P. HARR JUSTICE CENTER | 1 ST READING 11-19-07 |
| #24 APPROVE COURTHOUSE REPAIRS WITH FUNDING UP TO \$411,000 | APPROVED 11-19-07 |
| #25 SUPPORT HB0661 BY HILL & LORD AND SB0589 BY BURKS AND/OR HB 0948 BY WINNINGHAM AND SB 0578 BY BURKS REGARDING ELECTION OF SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT | 1 ST READING 11-19-07 |
| #26 APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT A SEWER LINE TO HIGHWAY 394/I-81 INTERCHANGE | 1 ST READING 11-19-07 |
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Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 1
No. 2007-11-00

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November 2007.

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,

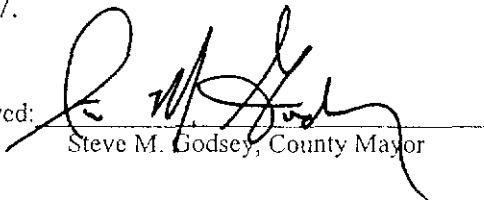
WHEREAS, such rezoning petitions will require an amendment to the Sullivan County Zoning Resolution.

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 19th day of November 2007.

Attested: 
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: 
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

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

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| 2007-11-00 | County Commission |
| ACTION | Approved 11-19-07 22 Aye, 2 Absent |

Comments:

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

2-10-14
Item 13
Administrative/Budget
No. 2007-08-93

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 require local companies receiving County tax incentives or funds to employ only U.S. citizens or legally documented immigrants

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the County Mayor and Commissioners to represent the taxpaying citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the County Mayor and Commissioners to manage the County Government to the best interest of all County citizens; and

WHEREAS, industrial parks and recruitment of businesses is often times accomplished with the aid of funding from taxpaying citizens; and

WHEREAS, guest worker programs and the use of immigrant workers is becoming even more popular by many U.S. companies; and

WHEREAS, the employment of immigrant workers often times undermine the U.S. worker and the standard of living that has been accomplished; and

WHEREAS, taxpaying citizens should not be asked to help fund businesses that do not primarily employ area citizens. or legally documented immigrants.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize that all companies that are recruited to locate in the County by the use of tax incentives and aided by County funds ^{to consider} ~~be required~~ to primarily employ area citizens. or legally documented immigrants.

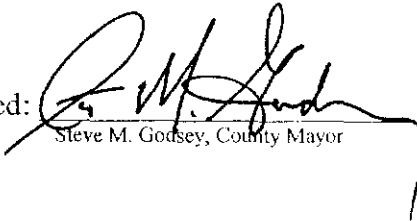
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby require that all companies that locate in industrial parks developed with the aid of County funds; ^{to consider} ~~be required~~ to primarily employ area citizens; and ^{to} or legally documented immigrants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any company contracting with the County to perform work paid for by County funds ^{to consider} ~~be required~~ to employ only U.S. citizens or legally documented immigrants.

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 19th day of November 2007.

Attested: 
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: 
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: James "Moe" Brotherton
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Samuel C. Jones

| 2007-08-93 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | | | | Approved 11-19-07 21 AYE, 3 ABSENT |

Notes: **1st Reading 08-20-07**; Deferred 09-17-07; Deferred 10-15-07;
Amended by Sponsor 11-19-07 and shown in above language adding "or legally documented immigrants" to the last four paragraphs.

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

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Item 9
Executive
No. 2007-10-103
Attachment

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 October 2007.

RESOLUTION To Authorize Placing A NO PARKING Sign On Plainview Drive in the 4th Commissioner District

WHEREAS, Commissioner Dennis Houser requested the Sullivan County Highway Department to make traffic sign changes; 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 changes to traffic signs in Sullivan County:

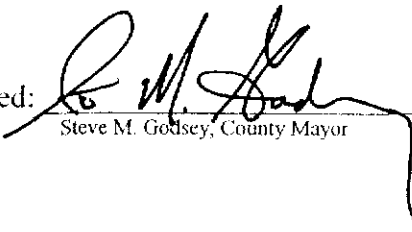
4th Commission District

**To place a NO PARKING Sign
On Plainview Drive**

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 19th day of November 2007.

Attested: 
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: 
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Dennis Houser
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Linda Brittenham , Vance

| 2007-10-103 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | No Action 10-1-07 | No Action 10-4-07 | Defer 10-3-07 | Approved 11-19-07 21 Aye, 3 Absent |

Notes: Deferred 10-15-07; Comm. Houser absent and Comm. Brittenham introduced Resolution with Comm. Vance as Prime Co-Sponsor.

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

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Item ~~14~~
Executive
No. 2007-10-108
Attachment

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 October, 2007.

RESOLUTION Authorizing Sullivan County to Enter Into Lease Agreement for Rental of Office Space for County Clerk's Office in Kingsport

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's branch in Kingsport is in need of additional office space; however, no additional space is available inside the Kingsport City Hall Building where the branch is currently located; and

WHEREAS, office space is available for rent at 2753 East Center Street in Kingsport which could better accommodate the needs of the County Clerk's Office and the citizens of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, a Lease Agreement has been negotiated with the property owners for consideration by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on the 15th day of October, 2007 hereby authorize Sullivan County to enter into the attached Lease Agreement for the rental of office space at 2753 East Center Street in Kingsport to house the Kingsport branch of the County Clerk's Office and to be utilized for storage purposes for county offices. The County Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Lease Agreement on behalf 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.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Joe Herron

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): T. Harkleroad, L. Brittenham, K. Armstrong, B. Kilgore

| 2007-10-108 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | Motion to Take No Action 10-1-07 | Approved 10-4-07 | Defer 10-3-07 | |

Notes: 1st Reading 10-15-07; Request by Comm. Jones for Building Committee to take a look at the property where the Health Dept. in Kingsport is to see about the feasibility of putting a building there for County Offices 10-15-07;
WITHDRAWN 11-19-07.

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

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Item 20
Administrative/Executive
No. 2007-10-114
Attachment

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 October, 2007.

RESOLUTION Requesting Adoption of Proposed and Amended Sullivan County Ethics Policy

WHEREAS, Sullivan County adopted an Ethics Policy recommended by CTAS in February 2007, and

WHEREAS, many County Commissioners and other County officials wanted more diverse representation on the Ethics Committee than the original policy called for, and

WHEREAS, The County Commission passed the County Mayor's appointment of a seven member committee in March 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Ethics committee recommends a staggered two-year term on the Ethics Committee, so as to preserve the continuity of the Committee, Section 5, and

WHEREAS, the Ethics Committee wanted more detail into the acceptance of gifts and other things of value, Section 4, and

WHEREAS, the Ethics Committee used many other County and Municipal Ethics Policies as guides and information to recommend these changes to the Sullivan County Ethics Policy, and

WHEREAS, this amended policy must be filed with the State Ethics Commission as soon as practical after being adopted by the county legislative body, and

WHEREAS, the recommended, amended, policy is attached to this resolution

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the amended Sullivan County Ethics 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 _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Bill Kilgore, Linda Brittenham, Cathy Armstrong, Joe Herron
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Terry Harkleroad, O.W. Ferguson

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| 2007-10-114 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
| ACTION | | | | |

Notes: 1st Reading 10-15-07; Deferred 11-19-07;

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 6
Administrative
No. 2007-11-118
Attachment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION Authorizing Re-election of Members to the Board of Directors of the Health, Educational and Housing Facilities Board of the County of Sullivan, Tennessee

WHEREAS, the Health, Educational and Housing Facilities Board of the County of Sullivan, Tennessee has filed an Application, a copy of which is attached hereto, seeking the re-election of two (2) members to its Board of Directors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on the 19th day of November, 2007, acting pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated §48-3-308 and after due consideration of the attached Application, hereby declare and resolve as follows:

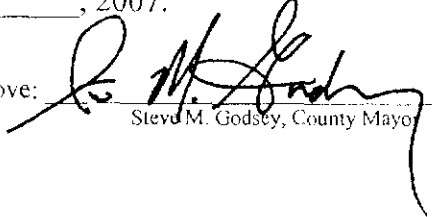
1. The County Commission of the County of Sullivan, Tennessee has examined and considered the attached Application seeking the re-election of the members to the Board of Directors of the Health, Educational and Housing Facilities Board of the County of Sullivan, Tennessee and hereby elects and approves:
 - a. Jerry C. Greene to a new term commencing September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2013;
 - b. Kelly Graham to a new term commencing September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2013;
2. These Directors of the Health, Educational and Housing Facilities Board of the County of Sullivan, Tennessee are hereby authorized to perform all duties set out in the corporate Charter and By-Laws of said corporation.
3. All actions heretofore taken by such Directors of the Health, Educational and Housing Facilities Board of the County of Sullivan, Tennessee in such capacity are hereby authorized, ratified and approved.
4. This Resolution reflects a finding by the County Commission that the election of the aforesaid members of the Board of Directors is necessary and advisable, and this Resolution is a true and correct record of the action taken and authorized by the County Commission of the County of Sullivan, Tennessee at a duly-called meeting held on November 19, 2007.

[WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED]

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

Hereby approved this 19th day of November, 2007.

Attest: 
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approve: 
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: E. Williams
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): ~~R. Harr~~ J. Harr

| 2007-11-118 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | Motion to Take No Action 11-5-07 | Approved 11-8-07 | Approved 11-7-07 | Approved 11-19-07 18 Aye, 1 Nay, 5 Absent |

Comments: Waiver of Rules Requested

**APPLICATION FOR ELECTION OF NEW TERMS
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD
OF
THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, TENNESSEE**

We, the undersigned, being duly qualified electors of and taxpayers in Sullivan County, Tennessee, and representatives of the Health, Educational and Housing Facilities Board of the County of Sullivan, Tennessee, hereby make application to the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, pursuant to Chapter 333 of the *1969 Public Acts of Tennessee* for the election of members of the Board of Directors of The Health, Educational and Housing Facilities Board of the County of Sullivan, Tennessee as follows:

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| Kelly Graham - | New Term | September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2013 |
| Jerry C. Greene - | New Term | September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2013 |

WITNESS our signature this the 12th day of October, 2007.

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HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND HOUSING
FACILITIES BOARD OF THE COUNTY
OF SULLIVAN, TENNESSEE

Mark S. Dessauer

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Counsel to the Board

DESSAUER: S - T
S.C. HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL & HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD
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Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 7
Executive
No. 2007-11-119
Attachments
& Amendment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION Authorizing Abandonment of a fifty-foot strip of Right-of-Way on US 11W


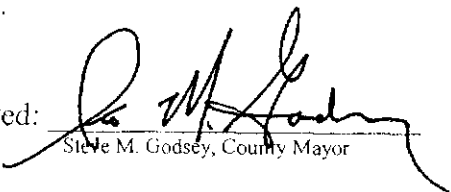
WHEREAS, upon consideration of the petition of Carol Osborne to make use of this strip of land which has not previously been developed and is in front of property she already owns; and

WHEREAS, Carol Osborne wishes to develop a business utilizing her current land and the current right-of-way strip, it will be an assist to Sullivan County in increasing incoming tax revenue; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize the abandonment of property listed as Tax Map 33-G, Group A, Parcels: 20.00, 21.00, and 22.00 (Deed Book 1668C, Page 397) to Carol M. Osborne for commercial use.

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.

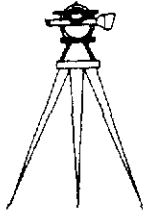
Approved this 19th day of November 2007.

Attested:  Approved: 
Jennie Gammon, County Clerk Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Patrick
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Surgenor

| 2007-11-119 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | Recommend Approval 11-5-07 | Approved 11-8-07 | No Action 11-7-07 | Approved 11-19-07 20 AYE. 4 ABSENT |

Notes:



MIZE & ASSOCIATES SURVEYORS

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Blountville, Tennessee 37617
Telephone: (423) 323-4562
FAX: (423) 323-4564

Attachment
Rep # 7
11/19/07

August 2, 2007

Mr. Steve Godsey
Sullivan County Mayor
Court House
Highway 126
Blountville, Tennessee 37617

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my client, Ms. Carol Osborne. It is her request the county abandon and deed to her a fifty-foot strip of right of way that lies between her property and the northern right of way line of U.S. 11-W as shown on the enclosed map.

This right of way came into the county road system by way of the acceptance of the Evergreen Ledge Subdivision plat found in Plat Book 5 at Page 69. Evidently, this right of way was to be used as a frontage road along 11-W, but was never constructed.

With this abandonment, it will allow Ms. Osborne to utilize all of her frontage for a business adventure. This will also help put a vacant piece of land into use and into the tax base. This same abandonment request has been granted on three different occasions in the past:

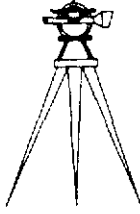
- 1) December 17, 1990
Deed Book 757C Page 605
- 2) April 20, 1992
- 3) October 18, 1993
Deed Book 954C Page 191

All of these requests were approved with no "Nay" votes. I have the mapping, resolutions, and deeds that will verify this abandonment.

I will be available to further explain this request to you, the Executive Committee, Highway Department, Planning Commission and County Commission.

Respectively Yours,

John R. Mize R.L.S.
Mize & Associates Surveyors



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Property Owner: Carol M. Osborne
Tax Map: 33-G, Group A, Parcels: 20.00, 21.00, & 22.00
Deed Book 1668C Page 397

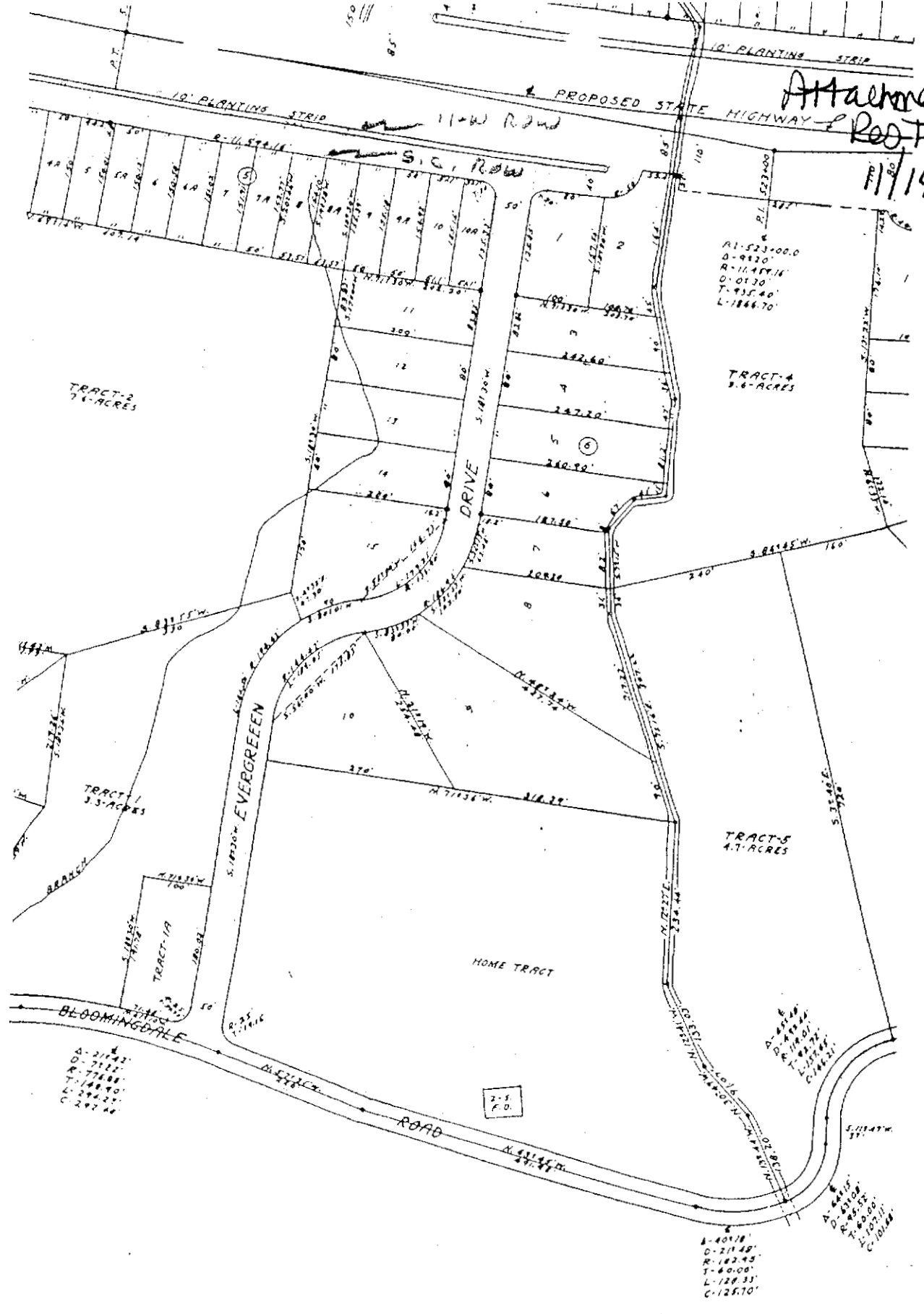
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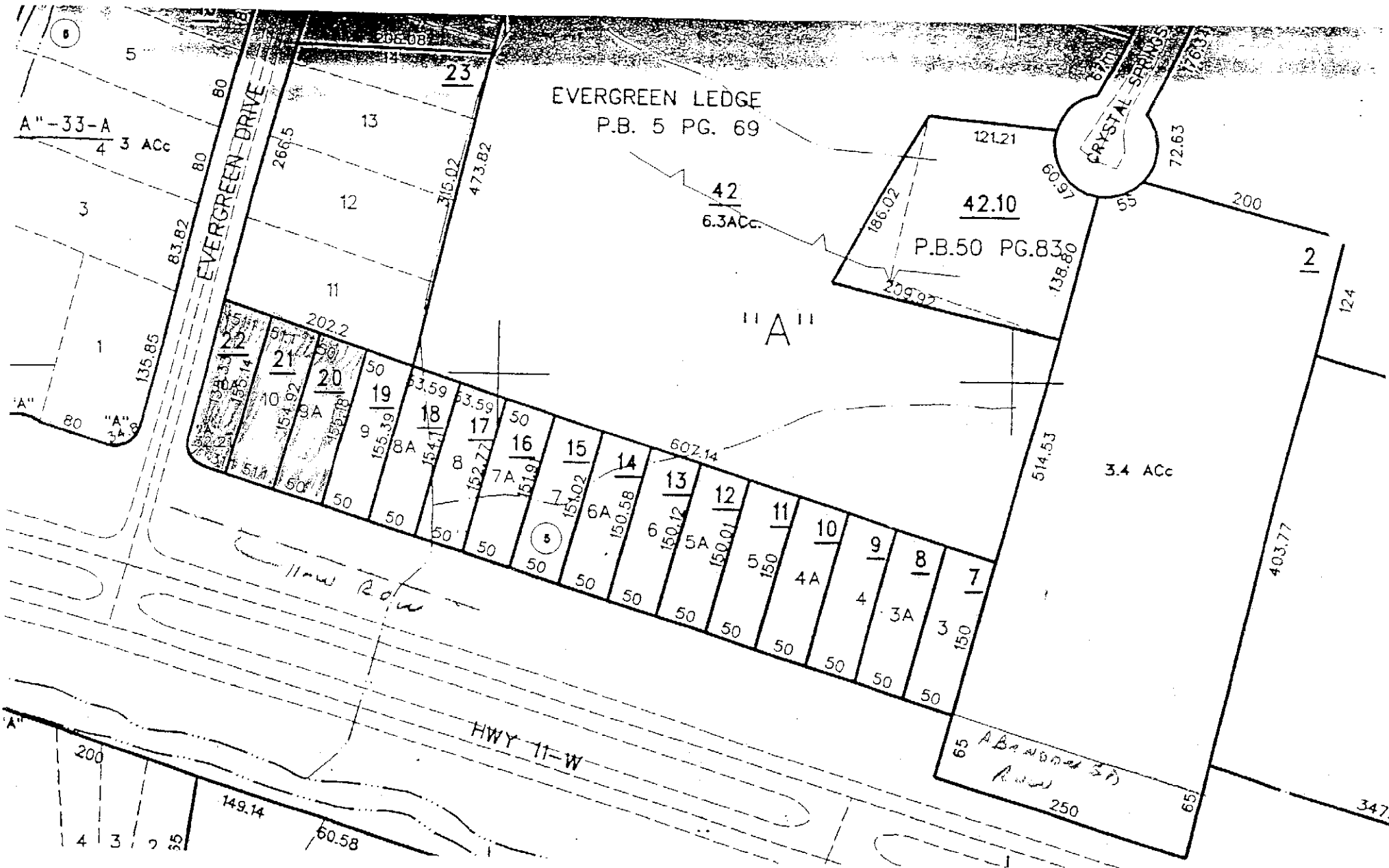
Cc: Mr. Dan Street Sullivan County Attorney
Ms. Ambre Torbertt Sullivan County Planning
Mr. Allen Pope Sullivan County Highway Commissioner

enclosures

Attachment
 Rec # 7
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Attachment
Res. # 7
11-19-07

AMENDMENT #1

To Resolution 2007-11-119

Submitted November 8, 2007

Amend by deleting paragraph beginning "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED" in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

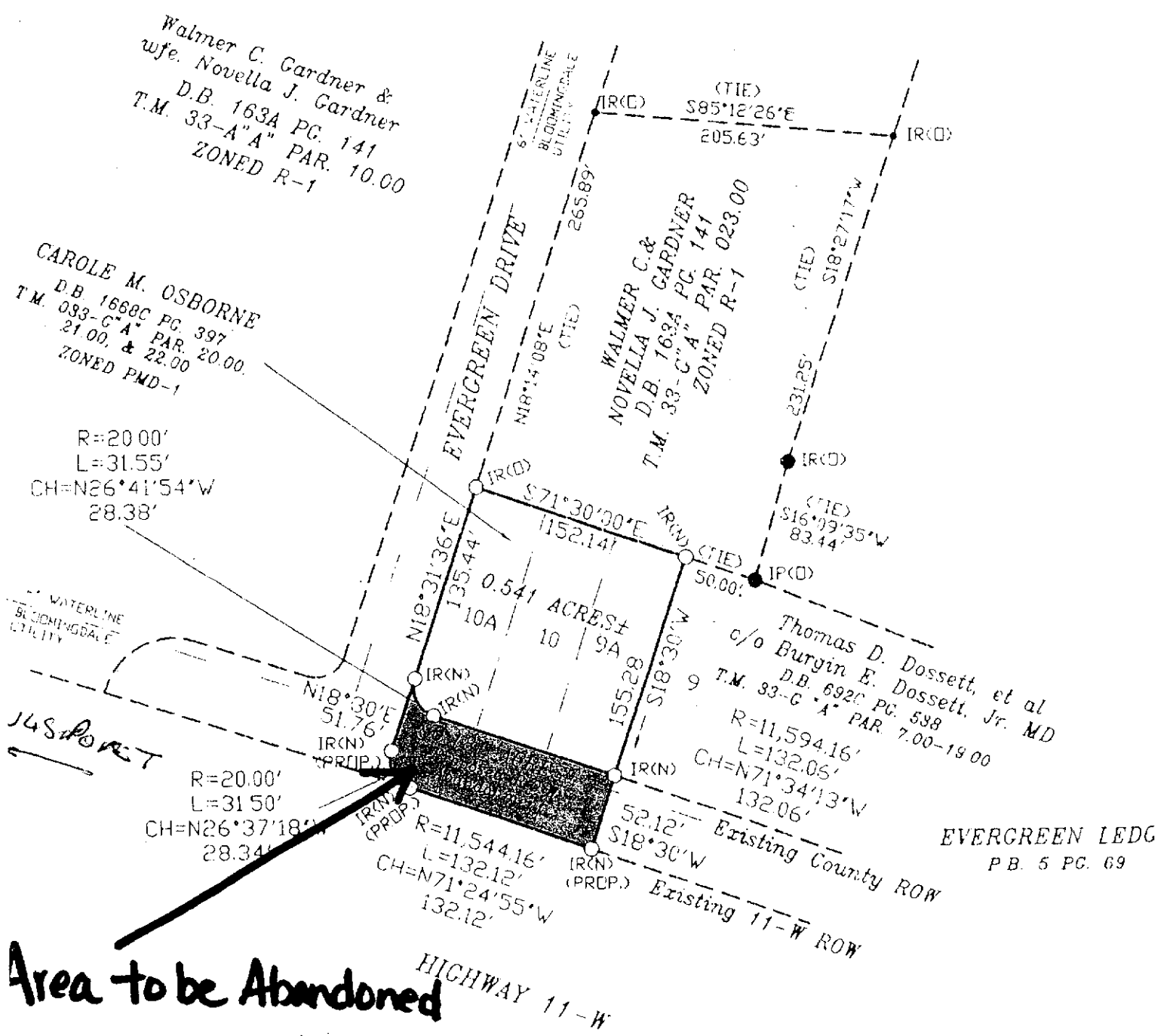
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve the abandonment of any interest as a public way which Sullivan County has, if any, in and to the fifty foot strip of land lying between property owned by Carol Osborne and the northern right-of-way of U.S. Highway 11W as identified on the attached map and the transfer of any and all rights of Sullivan County, Tennessee to the same to Carol Osborne. The County Executive is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to Carol Osborne a quitclaim deed conveying Sullivan County's interest to said property subject to said transfer being done at no cost to Sullivan County.

Amendment submitted by Sponsor Howard Patrick

Commission Action: Approved with Resolution 11-19-07

Attachment to Resolution No. 2007-11-119

11-19-07



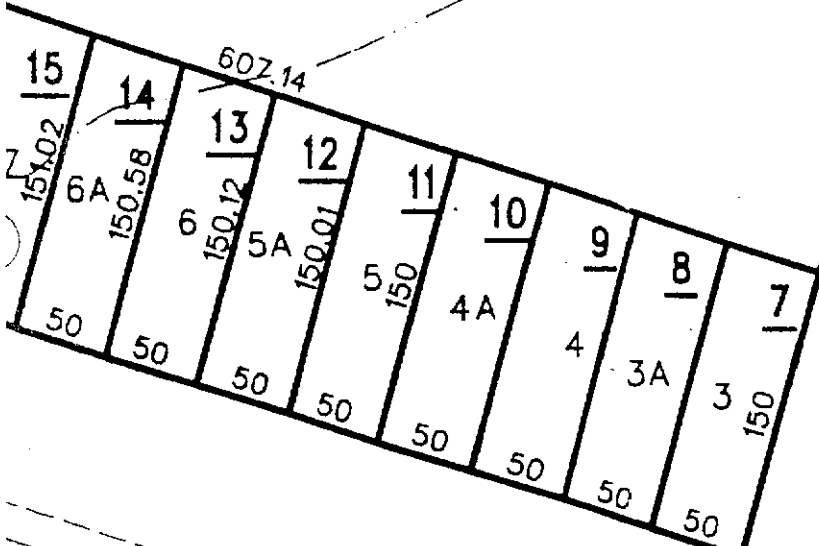
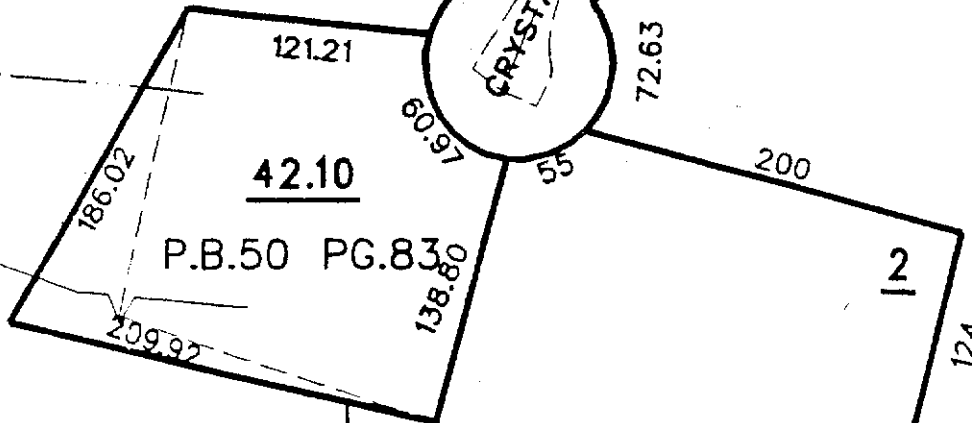
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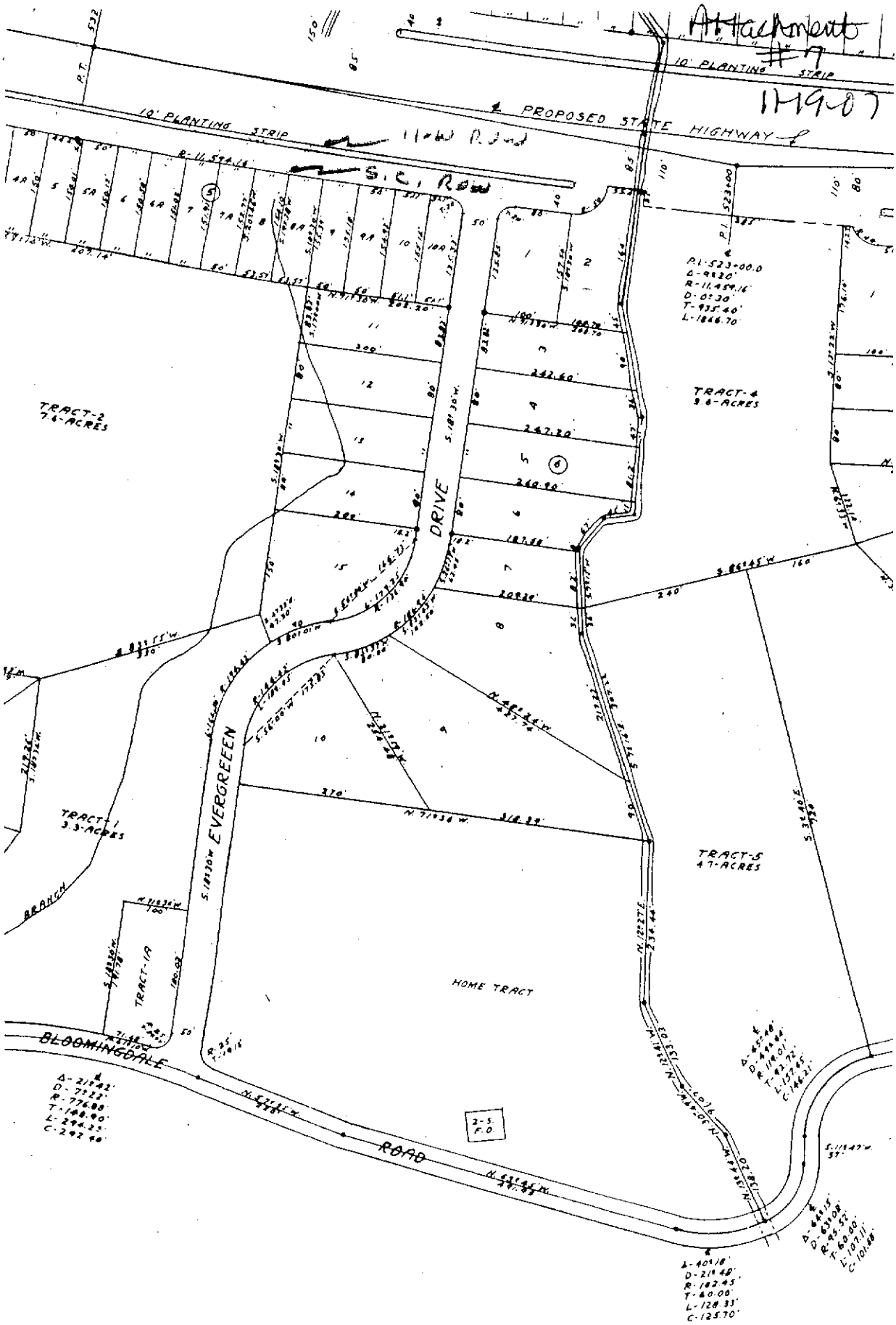
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Attachments
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Attachment #17
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TRACT-2
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TRACT-4
9.8-ACRES

TRACT-1
3.3-ACRES

TRACT-5
47-ACRES

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Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 8
Executive
No. 2007-11-120
Attachment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November 2007.

RESOLUTION To Authorize Placing A STOP Sign at intersection of Greli Drive and Rodefer Hollow Road in the 6th Commissioner District

WHEREAS, Commissioner Howard Patrick requested the Sullivan County Highway Department to make traffic sign changes; 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 changes to traffic signs in Sullivan County:

6th Commission District

**To place a STOP Sign at the intersection of Greli Drive
And Rodefer Hollow Road**

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 19th day of November 2007.

Attested: Jeanie Gammon
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

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

Sponsored By: Howard Patrick
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Harkleroad & Surgenor

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| ACTION | No Action 11-5-07 | Approved 11-8-07 | Approved 11-7-07 | Approved 11-19-07 20 Aye, 4 Absent |

Notes:

RESOLUTION REQUEST REVIEW

DATE: October 30, 2007

TO: Sullivan County Commission

REQUEST MADE BY: Howard Patrick

SUBJECT: To place a STOP sign at intersection of Greli Drive and Rodefer Hollow Road

6 **COMMISSIONER DISTRICT**

Terry Harkleroad
Michael Surgenor

X **APPROVED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

 DENIED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

COMMENT:

Rufus Cooper 10/30/2007
TRAFFIC COORDINATOR

 10/30/2007
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 9
Executive
No. 2007-11-121
Attachment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November 2007.

RESOLUTION To Authorize Placing A 25 MPH Speed Limit on Canterbury Drive in the 6th Commissioner District

WHEREAS, Commissioner Howard Patrick requested the Sullivan County Highway Department to make traffic sign changes; 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 changes to traffic signs in Sullivan County:

6th Commission District

**To place a 25 MPH Speed Limit
On Canterbury Drive**

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 _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
Jeannie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Howard Patrick
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Harkleroad & Surgenor

| 2007-11-121 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | No Action 11-5-07 | Approved 11-8-07 | Approved 11-7-07 | |

Notes: WITHDRAWN 11-19-07.

RESOLUTION REQUEST REVIEW

DATE: October 30, 2007

TO: Sullivan County Commission

REQUEST MADE BY: Howard Patrick

SUBJECT: To place a 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT on Canterbury Drive.

6 **COMMISSIONER DISTRICT**

Terry Harkleroad

Michael Surgenor

X **APPROVED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

 DENIED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

COMMENT:

Rufus Cooper 10/30/2007
TRAFFIC COORDINATOR

 10/30/2007
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 10
Executive
No. 2007-11-122
Attachment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November 2007.

**RESOLUTION To Authorize Placing A STOP SIGN
On Akard Lane and Latture Lane,
On Droke Lane and Latture Lane, and
On Tri-State Lime Road and Cold Springs Road
in the 6th Commissioner District**

WHEREAS, Commissioner Terry Harkleroad requested the Sullivan County Highway Department to make traffic sign changes; 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 changes to traffic signs in Sullivan County:

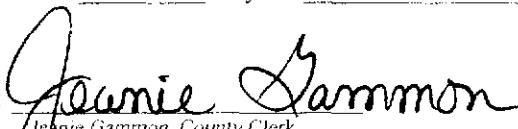
6th Commission District

**To place a STOP Sign
On Akard Lane and Latture Lane,
On Droke Lane and Latture Lane, and
On Tri-State Lime Road and Cold Springs Road**

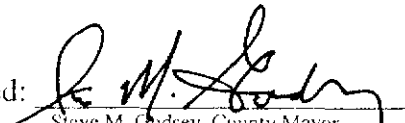
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 19th day of November 2007.

Attested:


Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved:


Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Terry Harkleroad
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Patrick & Surgenor**

| 2007-11-122 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | No Action 11-5-07 | Approved 11-8-07 | Approved 11-7-07 | Approved 11-19-07 20 Aye, 4 Absent |

Notes:

RESOLUTION REQUEST REVIEW

DATE: October 30, 2007

TO: Sullivan County Commission

REQUEST MADE BY: Terry Harkleroad

SUBJECT: To place a STOP sign on Akard Lane and Latture Lane.
To place a STOP sign on Droke Lane and Latture Lane.
To place a STOP sign on Tri-State Lime Road and
Cold Springs Road.

6 **COMMISSIONER DISTRICT**

Howard Patrick

Michael Surgenor

X **APPROVED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

 DENIED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

COMMENT:

Rufus Cooper 10/30/2007

TRAFFIC COORDINATOR

 10/30/2007

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 11
Executive
No. 2007-11-123
Attachment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November 2007.

**RESOLUTION To Authorize Placing A STOP SIGN
On Crussell Drive at the Intersection of Enterprise Road
in the 5th Commissioner District**

WHEREAS, Commissioner John McKamey requested the Sullivan County Highway Department to make traffic sign changes; and,

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

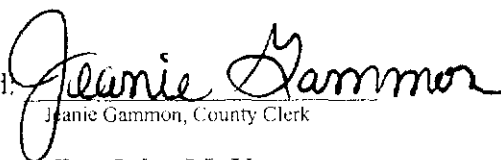
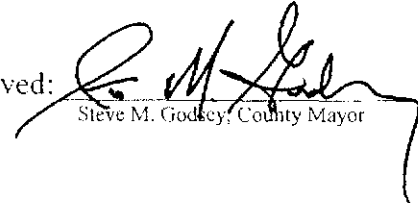
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes the following changes to traffic signs in Sullivan County:

5th Commission District

**To place a STOP Sign
On Crussell Drive at the Intersection of Enterprise Road**

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 19th day of November 2007.

Attested:  Approved: 
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: John McKamey
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Dwight King**

| 2007-11-123 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | No Action 11-5-07 | Approved 11-8-07 | Approved 11-7-07 | Approved 11-19-07 20 Aye, 4 Absent |

Notes:

RESOLUTION REQUEST REVIEW

DATE: October 30, 2007

TO: Sullivan County Commission

REQUEST MADE BY: John McKamey

SUBJECT: To place a STOP sign on Crussell Drive at the intersection
of Enterprise Road

 5 **COMMISSIONER DISTRICT**

 X **APPROVED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

 DENIED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

COMMENT:



10/30/2007
TRAFFIC COORDINATOR



10/30/2007
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 12
Executive
No. 2007-11-124
Attachments

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November 2007.

RESOLUTION Requesting that Bridge No. 82-SR-044-9.91 near the intersection of SR44 and Ryder Church Road Hatcher Creek (right prong) in the Hickory Tree Community of Sullivan County be named in honor of Pfc. Eugene H. Stepp who lost his life while serving his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Permission is requested to place a sign on the bridge in honor of Pfc. Stepp at no cost to Sullivan County.

WHEREAS, Pfc. Stepp considered military service for the United States of America to be an honor, and chose not to hand what he considered his responsibility over to others, he served with dignity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Eugene H. Stepp expressed his belief that confronting the enemies of freedom was also a step in protecting his homeland from invasion as he endured the pangs of separation from family and familiar surroundings; and

WHEREAS, he paid the ultimate price when he died on September 5, 1968; it is noted in attached articles and letters that he, as a citizen of Sullivan County, served this nation with the utmost respect and dedication.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize that Bridge No. 82-SR-044-9.91 in the 3rd Civil District and 5th Commissioner District be named in honor of Pfc. Eugene H. Stepp, with a sign being placed in his honor at no cost to 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 19th day of November 2007.

Attested: 
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: 
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: John McKamey & Dwight King

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Buddy King, All Commissioners Voting in the Affirmative

| 2007-11-124 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | Recommend Approval 11-5-07 | Approved 11-8-07 | Approved 11-7-07 | Approved 11-19-07 20 Aye, 4 Absent |

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Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 13
Budget
No. 2007-11-125

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION To Authorize the Purchasing Agent to Enter into a Contract to Complete a Situs Base Sales Tax Audit of Taxpayers

WHEREAS, Tennessee law allocates sales tax collections based upon the reported location of collection; and,

WHEREAS, many taxpayers incorrectly report their location as within the city based upon their mailing address rather than being physically located outside of any city, which results in the cities obtaining a credit for taxes actually due the county; and

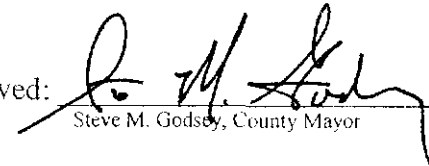
WHEREAS, various County Governments have contracted with a consultant to perform audits of the locations reported within their county.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, authorize the Purchasing Agent to enter into an agreement with Situs Tax Consultants to perform an audit of the location of businesses reporting collections of sales taxes as being within the city governments. The rate of compensation shall be at the rate of 25% or less on the first \$500,000 determined to be credited to Sullivan County with a maximum compensation of \$100,000.

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 19th day of November 2007.

Attested: 
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: 
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

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

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| ACTION | | Approved 11-8-07 | | Approved 11-19-07 20 Ave, 4 Absent |

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Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 14
Budget/Executive
No. 2007-11-126

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION To Request a Feasibility Study on Pickens Bridge Road to Bowman Ford Road

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is having considerable commercial and residential growth in the Piney Flats area; and

WHEREAS, the increase in traffic is increasing significantly based upon the new developments including the Food City Store; and,

WHEREAS, the Pickens Bridge Road is becoming very antiquated in dealing with the growth and will continue to receive additional demands in the future considering the location.; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens utilizing this road need a modern up-to-date road system including turn lanes, signal lights, etc. to maintain the safe and timely travel to and through the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session request a feasibility study be completed by the Highway Commissioner on the Pickens Bridge Road to the Bowman Ford Road based upon current and anticipated traffic growth to provide a safe and efficient flow of traffic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Highway Commissioner complete the study utilizing the resources available to his department including, but not limited to, the County Planning Office and report back to this body by February, 2008.

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 _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Dwight King
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): John McKamey

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| 2007-11-126 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
| ACTION | | | | |

Notes: 1st Reading 11-19-07;

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 15
Budget/Executive
No. 2007-11-127

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION To Request a Feasibility Study on Allison Road to Hicks Road

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is having considerable commercial and residential growth in the Piney Flats area; and

WHEREAS, the increase in traffic is significant based upon the Food City Store and other developments presently underway or planned in the community; and

WHEREAS, Allison Road is becoming congested and antiquated in dealing with the growth and will continue to receive additional demands in the future considering the location; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens utilizing this road need a modern up-to-date road system to maintain the safe and timely travel to and through the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session request a feasibility study be completed by the Highway Commissioner on the current status of the Allison Road from the 11-E Intersection to Hicks Road based upon current traffic patterns and anticipated traffic growth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Highway Commissioner complete the study utilizing the resources available to his department including, but not limited to, the Sullivan County Planning Office and the TDOT and report back to this body by February, 2008.

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 _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Dwight King
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): John McKamey

| 2007-11-127 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | | | | |

Notes: 1st Reading 11-19-07;

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 16
Budget/Executive
No. 2007-11-128

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION To approve the Sullivan County School Department to enter into a 3 year lease with C.I.T. Technology Financing to upgrade photo-copier for School Nutrition at the Central Office., and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education Board approved entering into the lease for new copier,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorize that the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners approve the Sullivan County School Board entering into this contract with C.I.T. Technology Financing.

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 _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

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

| 2007-11-128 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | | | | |

Notes: 1st Reading 11-19-07;

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 17
Executive
No. 2007-11-129
Attachment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November 2007.

**RESOLUTION To Authorize ~~Placing A 25 MPH Speed Limit Sign On Canterbury Drive,~~
~~And To Increase The Speed Limit on Massengill Road from 25 MPH to 35 MPH in the 4th~~
Commissioner District**

WHEREAS, Commissioner Linda Brittenham requested the Sullivan County Highway Department to make traffic sign changes; 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 changes to traffic signs in Sullivan County:


4th Commission District

**To place ~~A 25 MPH Speed Limit Sign On Canterbury Drive &~~
To Increase The Speed Limit on Massengill Road
From 25 MPH to 35 MPH**

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 19th day of November 2007.

Attested: 
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: 
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Linda Brittenham
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Dennis Houser, Blackburn

| 2007-11-129 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | | | | Approved 11-19-07 20 Ave. 4 Absent |

Notes: AMENDED by Sponsor 11-19-07 to remove "a 25 MPH Speed Limit Sign on Canterbury Drive" as shown above.

RESOLUTION REQUEST REVIEW

DATE: September 18, 2007

TO: Sullivan County Commission

REQUEST MADE BY: Linda Brittenham

SUBJECT: ~~To place a 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT on Canterbury Dr.~~
To increase the speed limit on Massengill Road
from 25 MPH to 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT.

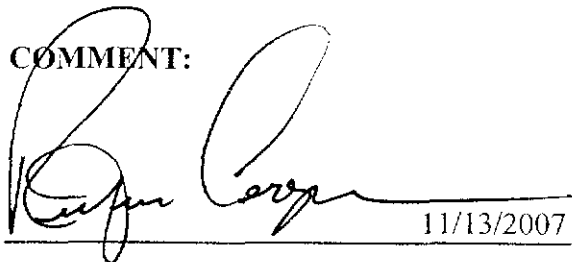
 4 **COMMISSIONER DISTRICT**

Dennis Houser

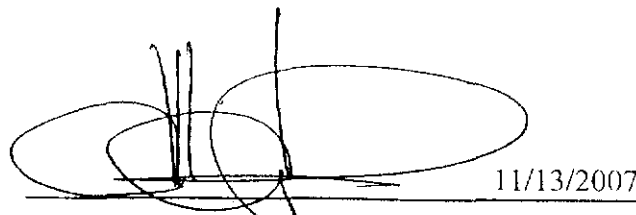
 X **APPROVED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

 DENIED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

COMMENT:


11/13/2007

TRAFFIC COORDINATOR


11/13/2007

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 18
Executive
No. 2007-11-130
Attachment

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

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.

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 in the next session of the legislature.

(See Attached Article)

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 _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

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

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Notes: 1st Reading 11-19-07;

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."

Under optimum conditions, the most time that you have to respond to an emergency situation is 1.6 seconds. 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.

— 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 distractors 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."

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 19
Executive
No. 2007-11-131

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION Requesting United State Congress require mandatory two-years of national service for individuals 18 years of age and out of high school

WHEREAS, the fast changing conditions in the world today make it necessary that our nation be fully, adequately, and timely prepared for the possible eventuality of attack in some form by an enemy or enemies from without or within; and

WHEREAS, present events should alert us to the fact that our defense system and security is stretched too thin, and that our borders have little meaning; and

WHEREAS, it is great that good men and women have stepped forward as volunteers to help maintain our defense and freedom. However, fairness and wisdom should indicate that to depend solely on volunteerism is not the way to meet the need. It is not fair to call on a few to pay the sacrifice by repeated tours of duty while the many safely and comfortably watch. Nor, should it take a lot of wisdom to see that we may be stretching ourselves too thin. Some outsiders may be able to see that if we do not.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, although as a body that has no jurisdiction in matters as set out above, but as a grass roots body, sends its feelings to those who represent us on the national level in Congress calling for a system of required two years of national service. The national service could consist of basic training in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Border Patrol, Peace Corps, or Conservation Corps. The individual should be eligible upon becoming 18 and out of high school. Those participating in the national service should be awarded college education benefits upon completing term of service.

(This service would, in addition to meeting the need of a reserve of trained individuals, provide benefits such as the development of discipline, character, skills, employment, and maturity.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to appropriate members of Congress and the President.

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 _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

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

| 2007-11-131 | Administrative | Budget | Executive | County Commission |
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| ACTION | | | | |

Notes: 1st Reading 11-19-07;

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Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 20
Executive
No. 2007-11-132

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

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

WHEREAS, it should be noted that while currently, the Open Meetings Act prohibits any private deliberations by two or more members of the same elected body, groups including the Tennessee Municipal League, representing nearly 350 cities across the state, and the Tennessee County Services Association which represents all 95 county governments, propose changing the law to a quorum standard, or majority of an elected body, as in the case in 37 others states’ open meeting laws.

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 _____ day of _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: James L. King, Jr.

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Cathy Armstrong

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Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 21
Executive
No. 2007-11-133

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION Regarding *Waiver of Rules when Voting on Resolution*

WHEREAS, voting on resolutions in the meeting, at which the first reading before the voting body occurs in the majority of cases, does not give the members of the body time to adequately and fully look into, study, and consider the subject matter of the proposed resolution and prevents opportunity for public reaction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize that no resolution shall come before the voting body for a vote until it has been before all three of the Commission's main committees, (Budget, Executive, and Administrative). One exception would be if time limits would not be met if not voted on at the first reading and would prevent what this resolution is calling for if voted on at a later date.

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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 _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
 Jeannie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
 Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: James L. King, Jr.

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Wayne McConnell

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Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 22
Administrative/Budget/Executive
No. 2007-11-134

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION To Approve Entering into Contract with CIGNA for Employee Health Insurance Effective January 1, 2008

WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee has reviewed various employee health insurance renewal proposals for the 2008 year; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has recommended the renewal of the Health Insurance Contract with CIGNA to provide for three plans including the Silver, an optional Platinum, and an optional High-Deductible Savings Plan with a 4-tier billing rate for each plan.

WHEREAS, the recommendation also provides for the funding by the employee to be increased from 10.7% to ~~12.5%~~^{12.8%} based upon the Silver Plan, with the employee responsible for the difference in the optional Platinum Plan.

WHEREAS, the employee contribution for the High Deductible Saving Plan to be set at 10% of the Premium and employer savings be deposited back to an employee health savings account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, authorize the renewal of health insurance contract with CIGNA for the 2008 calendar year providing for the three plans as recommended with the employee rate of contribution changing from 10.7 to ~~12.5%~~^{12.8%} of the base Silver Plan. For the High Deductible Plan the employee contribution to be set at 10% of the premium with the Employer Savings to be placed in a health savings account for participating employees. The additional employer funding for these plans to be provided from the 39000 account of the respective funds.

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.

WAIVERS OF THE RULES REQUESTED

Approved this 19th day of November 2007.

Attested: Jeanie Gammon
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

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

Sponsored By: Sam Jones

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): C. Armstrong, J. Herron, C. Groseclose, L. Brittenham, J. King

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| ACTION | | | | Approved 11-19-07 21 Aye, 3 Absent |

Notes: Amendment made 11-19-07 by Calton, 2nd by Morrell to change from "15%" to 12.8%. Amendment approved by roll call vote 18 Aye, 3 Nay, 3 Absent.

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 23
Executive
No. 2007-11-135

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION To Name the Justice Center in Bristol, Tennessee as Ralph P. Harr Justice Center

WHEREAS, Ralph P. Harr was an honorable citizen and servant for Bristol, Tennessee and Sullivan County, Tennessee sacrificing personal time and efforts to better both; and

WHEREAS, Ralph P. Harr was a resident, business owner, and volunteer worker in Bristol, Tennessee, investing his life and the life of his family in that community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize the naming of the Bristol, Tennessee Justice Center in honor of Ralph P. Harr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby name the Bristol Tennessee Justice Center as "Ralph P. Harr Justice Center".

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 _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Mark Vance

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Buddy King, Cathy Armstrong, O.W. Ferguson

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Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 24
Budget/Executive
No. 2007-11-136

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION To Approve Courthouse Repairs with Funding up to \$411,000

WHEREAS, the Building Committee has been reviewing and working with the Purchasing Department, Construction Oversight Manager and an Architect regarding problems with the Courthouse roof and the integrity of the masonry on the outside of the building; and,

WHEREAS, the Architect has completed his study and the Purchasing Department has obtained bids on the proposed project; and,

WHEREAS, the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget contains \$100,000 to provide a portion of the cost of the funding for the project; and

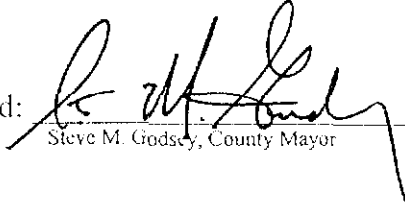
WHEREAS, the Building Committee met on November 15th and after studying the proposal by the Architect, recommended that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to expend up to \$411,000 for the completion of the proposed project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, amend the 2007-2008 FY General Fund Budget to increase Account No. 51800.700.805 by \$311,000 to be funded from the 39000 Account of the General Fund.

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 19th day of November 2007.

Attested: 
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: 
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

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

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| ACTION | | | | Approved 11-19-07 20 Aye, 4 Absent |

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Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 25
Executive
No. 2007-11-137

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION To Support HB 0661 by Hill and Lord and SB 0589 by Burks and/or HB 0948 by Winningham and SB 0578 by Burks regarding election of Sullivan County School Superintendent, and;

WHEREAS, the results of this resolution are to be mailed to our legislature in Nashville

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize support of the above mentioned legislation for school superintendent.

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 _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: McKamey
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Dwight King

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Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of County Commissioners

Item 26
Budget/Executive
No. 2007-11-138

To the Honorable Steve M. Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2007.

RESOLUTION Appropriating Funds to Construct A Sewer Line to Highway 394/I-81 Interchange

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has one exit outside the urban growth area of any city; and

WHEREAS, the county has expended considerable funds to provide lighting to and on the Exit 69 interchange to encourage economic growth; and,

WHEREAS, the one utility necessary for development is the lack of sewer services to be completed for this area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby appropriate up to the sum of \$500,000.00 for the purpose of constructing an extension to the sewer line along Highway 394. Funding to be provided from any available funding from existing appropriations for sewer services or the Fund Balance. Account Codes to be assigned by the Director of Accounts and 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 _____ 2007.

Attested: _____
Jeane Gammon, County Clerk

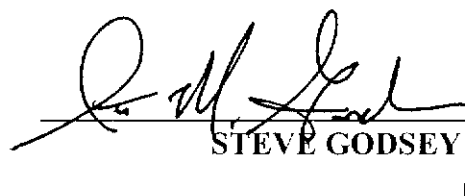
Approved: _____
Steve M. Godsey, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Brittenham, Houser
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Surgenor, Patrick

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AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED UPON
MOTION MADE BY COMM. MCCONNELL TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR
SESSION DECEMBER 17, 2007.


STEVE GODSEY
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN