

COUNTY COMMISSION-CALLED SESSION

AUGUST 9, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN CALLED SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 9, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS HONORABLE RICHARD VENABLE, COUNTY CHAIRMAN, TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by Sgt. Phillip White County Chairman Richard Venable opened the commission and Comm. Vanover gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Sgt. Phillip White.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

DAVID AKARD, III	MARK IRESON
DARLENE CALTON	
JOE CARR	DWIGHT KING
MICHAEL COLE	TONY LEONARD
	HUNTER LOCKE
	JOE MCMURRAY
JOYCE NEAL CROSSWHITE	
JOHN GARDNER	ARCHIE PIERCE
HERSHEL GLOVER	MATT SLAGLE
CHERYL HARVEY	GARY STIDHAM
DAVID HAYES	ZANE VANOVER
DANIEL HORNE	TRAVIS WARD

20 PRESENT 4 ABSENT

(ABSENT AT ROLL CALL-CRAWFORD, CROSS, JONES, MEANS

The following pages indicate the action taken by the Commission on Resolution #2024-08-02 To Propose a Revised Budget Proposal for the General Purpose School Fund 2024-2025 Budget.

# Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission Called Met Aug 8 2024

8/9/2024

1 Mayor/Chairman Richard S. Venable presiding Call to order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy

**Description** Sullivan County Commission  
 Called meeting to Consider Resolution  
 2024-08-02  
 August 9, 2024  
 10:00 a.m.  
**Chairman** Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**  
**Voting start time** 10:01:50 AM  
**Voting stop time** 10:02:09 AM  
**Voting configuration** Roll Call - Attendances  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Present	20
Total Present	20
Total Seats	28
Absent	4

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	20	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Absent
Akard, David ()	X	
Calton, Darlene ()	X	
Carr, Joe ()	X	
Cole, Michael ()	X	
Crawford, Larry ()		X
Cross, Andrew ()		X
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X	
Gardner, John ()	X	
Glover, Hershel ()	X	
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X	
Hayes, David ()	X	
Horne, Daniel ()	X	
Ireson, Mark ()	X	
Jones, Sam ()		X
King, Dwight ()	X	
Leonard, Tony ()	X	
Locke, Hunter ()	X	
McMurray, Joe ()	X	
Means, Jessica ()		X
Pierce, Archie ()	X	
Slagle, Matt ()	X	
Stidham, Gary ()	X	
Vanover, Zane ()	X	
Ward, Travis ()	X	

SULLIVAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Called Meeting To Consider Resolution 2024-08-02  
August 9, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Commission Room  
Sullivan County Courthouse

**AGENDA**

- ❖ Call to Order
- ❖ Mayor Richard Venable presiding.
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Public Comment
- ❖ Resolution 2024-08-02
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

Sullivan County  
Board of Commissioners  
August 9, 2024 – Called Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Name	Street Address	City
Chuck Carter		

Sullivan County  
Board of County Commissioners  
244<sup>th</sup> Annual Session

**RESOLUTION FOR CALLED MEETING**  
**August 9, 2024**

Item 1            Resolution No. 2024-08-02

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

**RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE A REVISED BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE GENERAL  
PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND 2024-2025 BUDGET.**

Sullivan County  
Board of County Commissioners  
244<sup>th</sup> Annual Session

Item 1  
Resolution No. 2024-08-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of August, 2024.

**RESOLUTION to PROPOSE A REVISED BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND 2024-2025 BUDGET.**

**WHEREAS** during the budget process for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, many increases in expenditures were recognized; and,

**WHEREAS** increases in expenditures for a 15% raise for all employees were recognized totaling \$8,529,606.76; and,

**WHEREAS** other increases in expenditures for employee step increases, health insurance premiums, dental insurance premiums, utility costs, liability insurance premiums, and AED replacements to just name a few were also recognized; and,

**WHEREAS** due to a drop in student enrollment local revenue projections were also decreased in the amount of \$1,326,428; and,

**WHEREAS** these increases in expenditures and decreases in revenues created a gap of \$10,545,423 in expenditures over revenues; and,

**WHEREAS** the Board of Education began efforts to decrease expenditures through elimination of expenditures that were not a necessity and eliminating positions through attrition; and,

**WHEREAS** after recognizing additional funding through the TISA formula and diligently lowering expenditures, the gap was narrowed to \$6,854,565.00; and,

**WHEREAS** after receiving the commission's vote declining the original budget request, the Board of Education met on August 7, 2024 to discuss revising said proposed budget; and,

**WHEREAS** said meeting resulted in the following motions:

1. The board unanimously approved to give each employee a 15% raise with the administrators' increase being reduced to 15% of the equivalent degree and experience on the teacher's salary scale instead of the administrator's salary scale. This resulted in a savings of approximately \$150,000.00.
2. Since this proposal was utilizing undesignated fund balance to balance revenues and expenditures, it was agreed that only the amount needed to balance would be taken from the undesignated fund balance. Any unused funds would remain in the undesignated fund balance. It was also noted that history had shown that funds were added to the fund balance through past year budgets by utilizing conservative spending practices and fiscally sound operations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the 2024-2025**

**General Purpose School Fund Budget utilizing \$6,854,565.00 of fund balance with any remaining funds returning to the undesignated fund balance.**

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 9th day of August 2024.

Attest: 

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: 

Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Zane Vanover**

**Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Gary Stidham, Daniel Horne, Hunter Locke, Travis Ward, Darlene Calton, Cheryl Harvey, David Hayes**

2024-08-02 ACTIONS: 08/08/24 Introduced at Work Session.

08/09/24 Comm. Vanover made a motion to suspend the rules for consideration of Item #1. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Glover. Roll Call vote taken and approved. 20 Yes, 4 Absent. Commissioner Vanover renewed his motion for adoption of Item #1. Roll Call vote taken and approved. 19 Yes, 1 Abstain for cause, 4 Absent.

Resolution No. 2024-08-02 ITEM #1

Commissioner Vanover made a motion to suspend the rules for consideration of Resolution #2024-08-02 to Propose a Revised Budget Proposal for the General Purpose School Fund 2024-2025 Budget. 2nd by Comm. Glover

ABSENT		YES		NO		ABSTAIN	
	AKARD	1	AKARD		AKARD		
	CALTON	1	CALTON		CALTON		
	CARR	1	CARR		CARR		
	COLE	1	COLE		COLE		
1	CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD		
1	CROSS		CROSS		CROSS		
	CROSSWHITE	1	CROSSWHITE		CROSSWHITE		
	GARDNER	1	GARDNER		GARDNER		
	GLOVER	1	GLOVER		GLOVER		
	HARVEY	1	HARVEY		HARVEY		
	HAYES	1	HAYES		HAYES		
	HORNE	1	HORNE		HORNE		
	IRESON	1	IRESON		IRESON		
1	JONES		JONES		JONES		
	KING	1	KING		KING		
	LEONARD	1	LEONARD		LEONARD		
	LOCKE	1	LOCKE		LOCKE		
	MCMURRAY	1	MCMURRAY		MCMURRAY		
1	MEANS		MEANS		MEANS		
	PIERCE	1	PIERCE		PIERCE		
	SLAGLE	1	SLAGLE		SLAGLE		
	STIDHAM	1	STIDHAM		STIDHAM		
	VANOVER	1	VANOVER		VANOVER		
	WARD	1	WARD		WARD		

<u>4</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AND APPROVED



Resolution No. 2024-08-02 ITEM #1

To Propose a Revised Budget Proposal for the General Purpose School  
Fund 2024-2025 Budget.

ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN			
	AKARD	1	AKARD		AKARD	
	CALTON	1	CALTON		CALTON	
	CARR	1	CARR		CARR	
	COLE	1	COLE		COLE	
1	CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD	
1	CROSS		CROSS		CROSS	
	CROSSWHITE	1	CROSSWHITE		CROSSWHITE	
	GARDNER	1	GARDNER		GARDNER	
	GLOVER	1	GLOVER		GLOVER	
	HARVEY	1	HARVEY		HARVEY	
	HAYES	1	HAYES		HAYES	
	HORNE		HORNE		HORNE	1
	IRESON	1	IRESON		IRESON	
1	JONES		JONES		JONES	
	KING	1	KING		KING	
	LEONARD	1	LEONARD		LEONARD	
	LOCKE	1	LOCKE		LOCKE	
	MCMURRAY	1	MCMURRAY		MCMURRAY	
1	MEANS		MEANS		MEANS	
	PIERCE	1	PIERCE		PIERCE	
	SLAGLE	1	SLAGLE		SLAGLE	
	STIDHAM	1	STIDHAM		STIDHAM	
	VANOVER	1	VANOVER		VANOVER	
	WARD	1	WARD		WARD	

<u>4</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>1</u>
ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AND APPROVED

# *Sullivan County*



**AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 10:35 A.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER AKARD TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2024.**

*Richard Venable*  
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RICHARD VENABLE

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN