

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS HONORABLE RICHARD VENABLE, COUNTY CHAIRMAN AND TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by County Chairman Richard Venable, Sheriff Jeff Cassidy opened the commission and Rev. James T. Scales, III Pastor of Christian Baptist Church gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	MARK IRESON
	SAMUEL "SAM" JONES
	DWIGHT KING
MICHAEL COLE	TONY LEONARD
LARRY CRAWFORD	MICHAEL HUNTER LOCKE
ANDREW CROSS	
JOYCE NEAL CROSSWHITE	JESSICA MEANS
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: AKARD, CALTON, CARR, MCMURRAY

NOTE: MCMURRAY IN AT 6:10PM, COLE IN AT 6:15PM AND AKARD IN AT 6:17PM.

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

Motion was made by Comm. Crawford, and seconded by Comm. Locke to approve the minutes of the Work Session of the County Commission held on August 8, 2024, the minutes of the Called Session held on August 9, 2024 and the minutes of the Regular Session held on August 15, 2024. Approved 23 Yes, 1 Absent.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE  
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

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Notice is hereby given to all members of the Board of County Commissioners, all residents of Sullivan County, Tennessee, and to any and all other persons interested, that two (2) open, public meetings of the Board of County Commission of Sullivan County will be held at the regular meeting place of the Board at the Courthouse in Blountville, Tennessee during the month of September, 2024. The monthly Work Session and public hearing/voting on amendments to the Sullivan County Zoning Resolution will commence at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, September 12, 2024, and the monthly Regular Session will commence at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, September 19, 2024. Any person wishing to provide public comment at such meetings shall sign up on the provided signup sheet prior to the start of the meeting.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-44-101 to 8-44-108 inclusive of Tennessee Code Annotated.

Teresa Jacobs  
Sullivan County Clerk

PUB 1T: 9/5/24

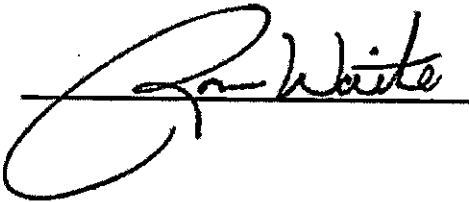
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County of Sullivan, State of Tennessee

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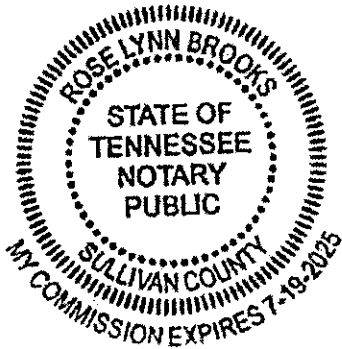


Ron Waite

Signed and sworn to before me  
on 09/05/2024



Rose Lynn Brooks - Notary Public  
My commission expires: July 19, 2025



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# Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

2 Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk  
Roll Call

**Description** Roll Call  
**Chairman** Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 6:05:21 PM  
**Voting stop time** 6:05:47 PM  
**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>04</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Absent
Akard, David ()		
Calton, Darlene ()		
Carr, Joe ()		
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 ()		
Means, Jessica ()	X	
Pierce, Archie ()	X	
Slagle, Matt ()	X	
Stidham, Gary ()	X	
Vanover, Zane ()	X	
Ward, Travis ()	X	

SULLIVAN COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners  
September 19, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

**COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Mayor/Chairman Richard Venable presiding.
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Proclamation: Sullivan County Day
- ❖ Proclamation: Family Court Awareness Month
- ❖ Appointments:
  - 1) Drew Deakins to the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission, term September 2024 to September 2028, to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term.
  - 2) Larissa Faulknor to Sullivan County Library Board of Trustees, to fill vacancy created by departure of Paula Mullins.
- ❖ Approval of Commission Minutes of August 8, 2024, Rezoning Hearing/Work Session Meeting; August 9, 2024, Called Session; and August 15<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting (Minutes are provided to commission members electronically and are available to the public at [www.sullivancountyclerktn.com/commission-minutes](http://www.sullivancountyclerktn.com/commission-minutes))
- ❖ Approval of Notaries Public
- ❖ Public Comment
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

PACKET PREPARED BY  
John H. Osborne III  
Executive Assistant

(All "Actions" note listed on resolutions were written by Osborne)



**PROCLAMATION  
OF  
SULLIVAN COUNTY DAY**

**WHEREAS, SULLIVAN COUNTY WAS ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 30, 1779, BY THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSEMBLY; AND**

**WHEREAS, SULLIVAN COUNTY REMAINED A PART OF NORTH CAROLINA UNTIL 1789, WHEN IT WAS PLACED IN THE UNITED STATES TERRITORY SOUTH OF THE RIVER OHIO; AND**

**WHEREAS, IN 1796 IT BECAME PART OF THE GREAT STATE OF TENNESSEE; AND WHEREAS, THIS MONTH MARKS 245 YEARS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY'S DISTINGUISHED HERITAGE AS AN EPITOME OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, PROVIDING ITS CITIZENRY WITH DIRECT GOVERNANCE AND SERVICES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL; AND**

**WHEREAS, THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR AND WISHES TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED AND INCREASED ATTENDANCE OF COUNTY RESIDENTS AT THESE MEETINGS; AND**

**WHEREAS, THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION WANTS TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORKINGS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WHILE CELEBRATING THE RICH HISTORY OF OUR COUNTY AS WE APPROACH SULLIVAN COUNTY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD S. VENABLE, AS COUNTY MAYOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION SERVING 2022-2026, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE THIRD THURSDAY OF OCTOBER TO BE RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED AS "SULLIVAN COUNTY DAY."**

**SUBSCRIBED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE  
HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND  
CAUSED THE SEAL OF SULLIVAN  
COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO BE AFFIXED  
IN BLOUNTVILLE ON THIS 19TH DAY  
OF SEPTEMBER 2024.**



*Richard S. Venable*

**RICHARD S. VENABLE, SULLIVAN COUNTY MAYOR**

**PROCLAMTION**  
**FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Family Court Awareness Month (FCAM) is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children, and;

**WHEREAS**, the mission at FCAM is fueled by the desire to create awareness and change in the family court system for the conservatively estimated, 58,000 children a year ordered into unsupervised contact with physically or sexually abusive parents, while honoring the hundreds of children who have been reported as murdered during visitation with a dangerous parent, and;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of FCAM is to increase awareness on the importance of empirically-based education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma, child sexual abuse, coercive control, post separation abuse for all professionals working on cases within the family court system, and;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of FCAM is to increase awareness on the importance of using scientifically valid, evidence-based, treatment programs and services that are proven in terms of safety, effectiveness, and therapeutic value, and;

**WHEREAS**, the mission at FCAM is to educate judges and other family court professionals on evidence-based, peer-reviewed research. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children. This research includes CDC Study: The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study; National Institute of Justice funded Study: Child Custody Evaluators' Beliefs About Domestic Abuse Allegations; and The GW Law School, Institute of Justice funded Study: Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Abuse Allegations

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Richard S. Venable, as County Mayor and on behalf of the Sullivan County Commission serving 2022-2026, hereby declare every month of NOVEMBER, to be FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH. I encourage all residents to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the harm of children in the hands of family members and to honor and value the lives of children.

Subscribed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Sullivan County, Tennessee to be affixed in Blountville on this 19th day of September 2024.



Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

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

**IN RE: Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission**  
**Blountville, Tennessee**

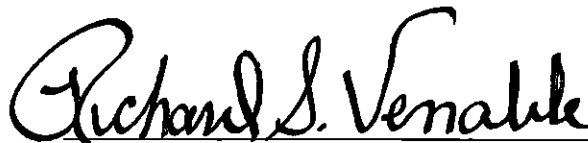
***Order appointing Board Member***

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission does hereby certify to the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to T.C.A. §13-4-101, as duly adopted by Sullivan County, Tennessee, that a vacancy will occur upon said Regional Planning Commission by virtue of the expiration of a term office; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission further certifies that nominee Drew Deakins is qualified and willing to serve on the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Sullivan Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his authority to appoint members to said Regional Planning Commission, pursuant to T.C.A. §13-4-101, that nominee Drew Deakins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission.

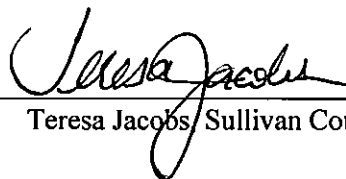
Term: September 2024 to September 2028



Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this

19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Motion made by Commissioner Gardner and seconded by Commissioner Crawford to appoint Drew Deakins to the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission. Roll Call vote taken and approved. 22 Yes, 2 Absent





**Appt. of Drew Deakins to the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission**

Comm. Gardner made a motion to appoint.

Comm. Crawford seconded the motion.

ABSENT			Yes			No			ABSTAIN
1	AKARD			AKARD			AKARD		
1	CALTON			CALTON			CALTON		
	CARR	1		CARR			CARR		
	COLE	1		COLE			COLE		
	CRAWFORD	1		CRAWFORD			CRAWFORD		
	CROSS	1		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		
	JONES	1		JONES			JONES		
	KING	1		KING			KING		
	LEONARD	1		LEONARD			LEONARD		
	LOCKE	1		LOCKE			LOCKE		
	MCMURRAY	1		MCMURRAY			MCMURRAY		
	MEANS	1		MEANS			MEANS		
	PIERCE	1		PIERCE			PIERCE		
	SLAGLE	1		SLAGLE			SLAGLE		
	STIDHAM	1		STIDHAM			STIDHAM		
	VANOVER	1		VANOVER			VANOVER		
	WARD	1		WARD			WARD		

2	22	0	0
ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN

Roll Call vote taken and approved.

*Sullivan County*

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*Board of County Commissioners  
244th Annual Session*

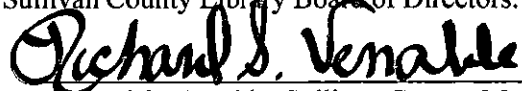
**IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board  
Blountville, Tennessee**

***Order Appointing Library Board Member***

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendations for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Larissa Faulknor be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors. Terms end September 2027.



Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 19th day of September 2024.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Motion made by Commissioner Gardner and seconded by Commissioner Cross to appoint Larissa Faulknor to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors. Roll Call vote taken and approved. 22 Yes, 2 Absent



# Appt. of Larissa Faulknor to the Sullivan County Library Board

Comm. Crawford made a motion to appoint.

Comm. Gardner and Cross seconded the motion.

ABSENT		Yes	No	ABSTAIN	
1	AKARD		AKARD		AKARD
1	CALTON		CALTON		CALTON
	CARR	1	CARR		CARR
	COLE	1	COLE		COLE
	CRAWFORD	1	CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD
	CROSS	1	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
	JONES	1	JONES		JONES
	KING	1	KING		KING
	LEONARD	1	LEONARD		LEONARD
	LOCKE	1	LOCKE		LOCKE
	MCMURRAY	1	MCMURRAY		MCMURRAY
	MEANS	1	MEANS		MEANS
	PIERCE	1	PIERCE		PIERCE
	SLAGLE	1	SLAGLE		SLAGLE
	STIDHAM	1	STIDHAM		STIDHAM
	VANOVER	1	VANOVER		VANOVER
	WARD	1	WARD		WARD

<u>2</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN

Roll Call vote taken and approved.

**Election of Chairman**

Comm. Harvey made a motion to nominate Comm. Gardner

Comm. Jones made a motion to nominate Mayor Venable

Comm. Crawford made a motion that nominations cease.

**ABSENT**                      **Venable**                      **Gardner**                      **ABSTAIN**

	AKARD		AKARD	1	AKARD	
1	CALTON		CALTON		CALTON	
	CARR	1	CARR		CARR	
	COLE		COLE	1	COLE	
	CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD	1
	CROSS		CROSS	1	CROSS	
	CROSSWHITE	1	CROSSWHITE		CROSSWHITE	
	GARDNER		GARDNER	1	GARDNER	
	GLOVER		GLOVER	1	GLOVER	
	HARVEY		HARVEY	1	HARVEY	
	HAYES		HAYES	1	HAYES	
	HORNE	1	HORNE		HORNE	
	IRESON		IRESON	1	IRESON	
	JONES	1	JONES		JONES	
	KING		KING	1	KING	
	LEONARD	1	LEONARD		LEONARD	
	LOCKE		LOCKE	1	LOCKE	
	MCMURRAY		MCMURRAY	1	MCMURRAY	
	MEANS		MEANS	1	MEANS	
	PIERCE		PIERCE	1	PIERCE	
	SLAGLE		SLAGLE	1	SLAGLE	
	STIDHAM		STIDHAM	1	STIDHAM	
	VANOVER	1	VANOVER		VANOVER	
	WARD		WARD	1	WARD	

For Cause

1  
ABSENT

6

16

1  
ABSTAIN

**Election of Pro Temp**

Comm. Carr and Comm. Crosswhite made a motion to nominate Comm. Vanover  
 Comm. Means made a motion to nominate Comm. Stidham (Stidham withdrew)  
 Comm. Slagle made a motion to nominate Comm. Ireson  
 Comm. Akard made a motion that nominations cease.

**ABSENT**                      **Vanover**                      **Ireson**                      **ABSTAIN**

	AKARD	1	AKARD		AKARD	
1	CALTON		CALTON		CALTON	
	CARR	1	CARR		CARR	
	COLE	1	COLE		COLE	
	CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD	1	CRAWFORD	
	CROSS		CROSS	1	CROSS	
	CROSSWHITE	1	CROSSWHITE		CROSSWHITE	
	GARDNER	1	GARDNER		GARDNER	
	GLOVER		GLOVER	1	GLOVER	
	HARVEY		HARVEY		HARVEY	1
	HAYES	1	HAYES		HAYES	
	HORNE	1	HORNE		HORNE	
	IRESON	1	IRESON		IRESON	
	JONES		JONES	1	JONES	
	KING	1	KING		KING	
	LEONARD	1	LEONARD		LEONARD	
	LOCKE	1	LOCKE		LOCKE	
	MCMURRAY		MCMURRAY	1	MCMURRAY	
	MEANS		MEANS		MEANS	1
	PIERCE	1	PIERCE		PIERCE	
	SLAGLE		SLAGLE	1	SLAGLE	
	STIDHAM		STIDHAM		STIDHAM	1
	VANOVER		VANOVER		VANOVER	1
	WARD	1	WARD		WARD	

Pass

Pass

1  
ABSENT

13

6

4  
ABSTAIN

### Vote to Create a Position of Deputy Chair

Comm. Slagle made a motion to vote on the creation of the position of Deputy Chair

Comm. Means seconded the motion.

ABSENT			Yes			No			ABSTAIN
	AKARD		AKARD	1	AKARD				
1	CALTON		CALTON		CALTON				
	CARR	1	CARR		CARR				
	COLE	1	COLE		COLE				
	CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD	1	CRAWFORD				
	CROSS	1	CROSS		CROSS				
	CROSSWHITE		CROSSWHITE	1	CROSSWHITE				
	GARDNER	1	GARDNER		GARDNER				
	GLOVER	1	GLOVER		GLOVER				
	HARVEY		HARVEY	1	HARVEY				
	HAYES		HAYES	1	HAYES				
	HORNE	1	HORNE		HORNE				
	IRESON	1	IRESON		IRESON				
	JONES		JONES	1	JONES				
	KING		KING	1	KING				
	LEONARD	1	LEONARD		LEONARD				
	LOCKE	1	LOCKE		LOCKE				
	MCMURRAY	1	MCMURRAY		MCMURRAY				
	MEANS	1	MEANS		MEANS				
	PIERCE	1	PIERCE		PIERCE				
	SLAGLE	1	SLAGLE		SLAGLE				
	STIDHAM	1	STIDHAM		STIDHAM				
	VANOVER	1	VANOVER		VANOVER				
	WARD	1	WARD		WARD				
1			16			7			0
ABSENT			YES			NO			ABSTAIN

**Election of Comm. Hunter Locke to Position of Deputy Chair**

Comm. Means made a motion to nominate Comm. Locke

Comm. Crosswhite made a motion to nominate Comm. Akard to which he declined.

Comm. Harvey made a motion to nominate Comm. Ireson to which he declined.

ABSENT		Yes		No		ABSTAIN	
	AKARD	1	AKARD		AKARD		
1	CALTON		CALTON		CALTON		
	CARR	1	CARR		CARR		
	COLE	1	COLE		COLE		
	CRAWFORD	1	CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD		
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	HAYES	1	HAYES		HAYES		
	HORNE	1	HORNE		HORNE		
	IRESON	1	IRESON		IRESON		
	JONES	1	JONES		JONES		
	KING	1	KING		KING		
	LEONARD	1	LEONARD		LEONARD		
	LOCKE	1	LOCKE		LOCKE		
	MCMURRAY	1	MCMURRAY		MCMURRAY		
	MEANS	1	MEANS		MEANS		
	PIERCE	1	PIERCE		PIERCE		
	SLAGLE	1	SLAGLE		SLAGLE		
	STIDHAM	1	STIDHAM		STIDHAM		
	VANOVER	1	VANOVER		VANOVER		
	WARD	1	WARD		WARD		

1  
ABSENT

23  
YES

0  
NO

0  
ABSTAIN

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

- 10. Approval of Commission Minutes of August 8, 2024, Rezoning Hearing/Work Session Meeting August 9, 2024 Called Session, and August 15, Monthly meeting

Motion to approve by Comm. Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Locke

Description

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:46:17 PM

Voting stop time 6:46:40 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Vote result

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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			



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Notaries to be elected September 19, 2024

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JAN ALLEN	BECKY S LAWRENCE
HANNAH J AMYX	AMY RENA LIVESAY
RUBY WHITLEY BLEVINS	MCKENZIE LONG
ALLEN LEE BOWMAN	LEAH N. MATNEY
WALLACE MCCLURE BOYD III	JESSE MCMURRAY
BRANDY CARSON	RENEE MULLINS
BRITTANY LEIGH CASTLE	JAMIE MULLINS
KELLEY E CHURCHWELL	DENISE Y MYERS
DONNA KAY COFFEY	TIA DENAE PEACE
JENNA ELIZABETH CONKIN	MIKAELA PEREZ
RICHARD INGRAM COURON	SANDY K. PORTER
COLTON D COWDEN	MARQUITA REED
LORI RAE ANN DANIELL	ANGELINA NICOLE RUTHERFORD
MICHAEL GREGORY DICKENSON	JEREMY SALYER
ALBERTA LYNN DUNN	SUSAN LYNN SALYER
VALERIE K. FIELDS	DIANE SMITH
BRITANY MICHELLE FRANKS	DANNA MARIE SMITH
KATHARINE GENTRY	ALEXANDRA NATHALY SMITH
COLE ALEXANDER GREEN	JESSICA S. STEELE
KEITH A. HOPSON	DAWNMARIE SWEDEN
JUSTIN TAYLOR HORN	ALICIA R. TRIVETT
LARA HULL	JUNE WAGNER
TAMMY B JAYNE	JENNIFER DANIELLE WARREN
STEPHANIE L JONES	DESTINEE ANNA MARIE WELCH
RALPH T. KING	REBECCA WHITE
TERESA G LANEY	TONDA WILLIAMS
TYLA LAUGHLIN	

PERSONAL SURETY  
\$10,000 NOTARY BOND  
\$10,000 E&O - TENNESSEE  
SUSAN LYNN SALYER

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. COLE AND SECONDED BY COMM. CROSS TO APPROVE THE NOTARY APPLICATIONS HEREON, SAID MOTION WAS APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION.

22 YES, 1 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY

SURETY BONDS

September 19, 2024

<b>Name of Notary</b>	<b>Personal Surety</b>	<b>Personal Surety</b>
<b>Kimberly Caldwell</b>	<b>K. Michelle Tankersley</b>	<b>Whitney Johnson</b>
<b>Brenda Bowers</b>	<b>Kenny Morrell</b>	<b>George Barnett</b>

**UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. COLE AND SECONDED BY COMM. CROSS TO APPROVE THE NOTARY BONDS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUALS, SAID MOTION WAS APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION.**

**22 YES, 1 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT**

# Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

60 Approval of Notaries Public

**Description**

**Chairman** Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 6:48:54 PM  
**Voting stop time** 6:49:25 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	22
Abstain	1
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Abstain	Absent
No group	22	1	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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			



**RESOLUTIONS**

September 19, 2024

**OLD BUSINESS**

Item 1 Resolution No. 2024-08-07

**APPROVED**

Sponsors: Stidham/Ward

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A TASER 7 BASIC BUNDLE PLAN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. IN SCOTTSDALE, AZ TO FURNISH THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH TASERS, HOLSTERS, AND CARTRIDGES.**

Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-08-14 (*AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR*)**APPROVED**

Sponsors: Ward/Locke (To be amended at Regular Session on September 19)

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF AN UP TO \$20,000 FROM THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES FOR INSTALLATION AND INITIAL MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING OF A SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX AT BLOOMINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ~~THE BOX AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING AT A COST OF \$1,001.40 PER YEAR.~~**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 3 Resolution No. 2024-09-02

**APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Carr

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$453,226.40 FROM THE OPIOID ABATEMENT TRUST FUND TO THREE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS HELPING INDIVIDUALS ACHIEVE AND SUSTAIN RECOVERY.**

Item 4 Resolution No. 2024-09-03

**APPROVED**

Sponsors: King/Glover

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR TDOT PROJECT PIN NUMBER 128634.71 FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR VARIOUS LOCAL ROADS IN THE COUNTY (LOCAL ROADS SAFETY INITIATIVE).**

Item 5 Resolution No. 2024-09-04

**APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite /

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE JUUL SETTLEMENT REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE CATCH MY BREATH PROGRAM IN THE 2024-25 BUDGET.**

Item 6 Resolution No. 2024-09-05

**APPROVED**

Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2025 PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT FUNDS IN THE 2024-25 BUDGET.**



Item 7 Resolution No. 2024-09-06 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Vanover/Glover

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PERSONAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAX RECOVERY PROGRAM.**

Item 8 Resolution No. 2024-09-07 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Gardner /Vanover

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2025 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.**

Item 9 Resolution No. 2024-09-08 **1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Sponsors: Vanover/Hayes

**A RESOLUTION TO RECORD THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION'S SUPPORT OF COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK OR OTHER OPTIONS TO ALLOW FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES, AT THEIR DISCRETION, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SERVICES AND/OR RECRUIT/RETAIN EMPLOYEES, WITHOUT ANY REDUCTION IN DAYS/HOURS OF ACCESS TO SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC.**

Item 10 Resolution No. 2024-09-09 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Gardner/Calton

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S SHARE OF PREMIUM PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR.**

Item 11 Resolution No. 2024-09-10 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION RECYCLING EQUIPMENT GRANT FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT.**

Item 12 Resolution No. 2024-09-11 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Cross/Cole

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES TECHNOLOGY GRANT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024.**

Item 13 Resolution No. 2024-09-12 **1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Sponsors: Stidham/Crosswhite

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO RETAIN AN ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE A DAILY PRESENCE ON NASHVILLE TO REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY AND ITS TAXPAYERS BY MONITORING DAY-TO-DAY**



**PROGRESS OF POTENTIAL STATE LAWS AND PROVIDE PERIODIC REPORTS  
TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION.**



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

Item 1  
Resolution No. 2024-08-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of September 2024.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A TASER 7 BASIC BUNDLE PLAN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. IN SCOTTSDALE, AZ TO FURNISH THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH TASERS, HOLSTERS, AND CARTRIDGES.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Offices contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc to supply the County with Tasers and Cartridges ended in June of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office desires to equip, issue, and certify Officers with Tasers and Cartridges; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office contacted Axon Enterprise, Inc and discussed their exclusive product and the best Package Plan offered to suit Sullivan County Law Enforcement needs; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has determined the Taser 7 Basic Bundle Package Plan, which provides Tasers with a 5-year warranty, a quick replacement program for damaged Tasers at no additional cost, an equipment trade-in program at the end of 5 years, Holsters, and Cartridges to be paid in Installments over 5 years to be the best option; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office desires to lease 80 Taser 7's with Holster and Cartridges from Axon Enterprise, Inc. under the Taser 7 Basic Bundle Package Plan.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office currently budgets \$23,280 for Tasers; therefore, we are requesting that the Sullivan County Commission help find funding for the remaining increase in cost over the next 5 years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorize the Sullivan County Purchasing Agent to execute an agreement to lease eighty (80) Tasers with accessories @ \$47,383.94 the first year and \$65,313.36 for the four remaining fiscal years totaling \$308,637.38 with Axon Enterprise, Inc. as recommended by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, expiring 2028.**

**The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will be requesting additional funding in FY 24-25 of \$24,103.94 from County Undesignated Fund Balance and additional funding each of the following 4 fiscal years of \$42,033.36 per year until 2028 from County 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.

Duly passed and approved this 19th day of September 2024.





Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored by: Commissioner Gary Stidham

Prime Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward, everyone voting in the affirmative.

2024-08-07 Actions: Introduced at Work Session on August 8, 2024, waiver of rules requested. At Regular Session on August 15, sponsor placed on first reading and rolled to September calendar to gather additional information. Reviewed during Work Session on September 12 and sponsor asked to move to September 19 Monthly Meeting Agenda. – JHO III 09/19/24 Approved 23 Yes, 1 Absent. Sponsor requested everyone voting in the affirmative to be added as Cosponsor.

Reviewed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivery

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the 27 day of September, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 a.m. by the following method:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County



# Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

5 Item 1 Resolution No. 2024-08-07 Sponsors: Stidham/Ward  
Vote

**Description** RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A TASER 7 BASIC BUNDLE PLAN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. IN SCOTTSDALE, AZ TO FURNISH THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH TASERS, HOLSTERS, AND CARTRIDGES.

**Chairman** Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**  
**Voting start time** 7:30:09 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:30:28 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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  
244th Annual Session***

*AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR*

Item 2

Resolution No. 2024-08-14

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

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF AN UP TO \$20,000 FROM THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES FOR INSTALLATION AND INITIAL MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING OF A SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX AT BLOOMINGDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ~~THE BOX AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING AT A COST OF \$1,001.40 PER YEAR.~~**

WHEREAS, each year across our nation mothers in crisis abandon their infant in ways that endanger or kill the infant; and

WHEREAS, the mother's fear of being identified has been noted as a prime motive for abandonment of an infant rather than face-to-face surrender of the infant to a medical or emergency response location; and

WHEREAS, Safe Have Baby Boxes (SHBB) was founded in 2015 with a mission of preventing illegal abandonment of newborns, raising awareness, offering 24/7 hotline assistance to mothers in crisis, and promoting the installation of "Baby Box Drop Off" locations as a last resort for women who want to maintain complete anonymity; and

WHEREAS, SHBB has agreed to donate up to \$20,000 for installation of a Baby Box in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, installation of the Baby Box will be of no cost to Sullivan County as it is an in-kind donation to SHBB from Knoxville-based Sylvan Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The SHBB donation to Sullivan County's Baby Box will include: \$1,510 to cover a 36-month security monitoring fee; and a \$500 yearly maintenance fee; and

WHEREAS, after the 36-month contract for the security monitoring Sullivan County will incur the cost at \$41.95 per month (\$501.40 per year); and after the first year Sullivan County will incur an annual maintenance fee of \$500; and

*WHEREAS, all fees are covered by sources other than Sullivan County for the first five years of operation of the Safe Haven Baby Box; and*

*WHEREAS, the estimated cost of necessary repairs to the BVFD Fire Hall's generator, and updating existing signage fronting the roadway to alert the public of the Baby Box's location there, is \$5,000.*



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Commission approves acceptance of the initial donation of up to \$20,000 to cover initial costs of installation of a Safe Haven Baby Box in the county.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Commission authorizes a five-year Baby Box contract in which a clause allows either party to exit the agreement with 60 days' notice, with an estimated ongoing cost to Sullivan County of up to \$1,001.40 per year.**

***AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Commission approves allocation of up to \$5,000 to fund repairs to the generator at Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department and updating existing signage fronting the roadway to identify the location of the Safe Haven Baby Box.***

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.

Duly passed and approved this 19th day of September 2023.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk                      Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

SPONSOR: Travis Ward

COSPONSORS: Hunter Locke, Zane Vanover, Joe Carr, Gary Stidham, Jessica Means, Hershhal Glover, Cheryl Harvey, everyone voting in the affirmative.

2024-08-14 ACTIONS: Introduced with request for waiver of the rules and immediate vote at Regular Session on August 15, 2024; Sponsor moved to change to First Reading and roll to September calendar. At Work Session on September 12, Sponsor Travis Ward announced intent to amend resolution at Regular Session on September 19 to include location of box (Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department) and request \$5,000 one-time investment by county to upgrade the building's generator and installation of a sign fronting the roadway to advertise the Save Haven Baby Box being located there. -- JHO III

09/19/24 Approved 23 Yes, 1 Absent. Sponsor requested everyone voting in the affirmative be added as Cosponsor.



Reviewed by Chairman: John Gaselino  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Messa Jacobs  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivery

Messa Jacobs  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard Umall  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Umall  
Mayor, Sullivan County



## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

6 Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-08-14 Sponsors: Ward/Locke  
Vote

632

**Description**

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN UP TO \$20,000 DONATION FROM THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES FOR INSTALLATION AND INITIAL MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING OF THE BOX AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING AT A COST OF \$1,001.40 PER YEAR.

**Chairman**

Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:32:51 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:33:14 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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  
244th Annual Session*

Item 3  
Resolution No. 2024-09-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$453,226.40 FROM THE OPIOID ABATEMENT TRUST FUND TO THREE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS HELPING INDIVIDUALS ACHIEVE AND SUSTAIN RECOVERY.**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County received a total of \$735,949.15 on February 28, 2023, from the Abatement Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the county shall obligate all funds for specific purpose within a two-year timeframe from date of receipt of such funds; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County’s Opioid Advisory Committee recommends allocating the following amounts from the February 28, 2023, receipts to the following non-profit organizations: \$206,013.20 to Recovery Resources TN; \$167,213.20 to Bridge to Shore Recovery Organization; and \$80,0000 to Families Free, Inc.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 approves allocation of \$206,013.20 to Recovery Resources TN; \$167,213.20 to Bridge to Shore Recovery Organization; and \$80,0000 to Families Free, Inc. Accounts and codes to be assigned by the Finance Department.**

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.

Duly passed and approved this 19th day of September 2023.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored by: Joyce Crosswhite  
Cosponsors: Joe Carr, Archie Pierce**

**WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED**

2024-09-02 ACTIONS: Draft reviewed at Work Session on September 12, 2024. Resolution introduced at Monthly Meeting on September 19. – JHO III  
09/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 23 Yes 1 Absent



Reviewed by Chairman: *John Gaudin*  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

634

ATTEST: *Terese Jacobs*  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivery.

*Terese Jacobs*  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: *Richard Venable*  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method: \_\_\_\_\_.

*Richard Venable*  
Mayor, Sullivan County





## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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31 Item 3 Resolution No. 2024-09-02 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Carr  
Vote

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**Description**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$453,226.40 FROM THE OPIOID ABATEMENT TRUST FUND TO THREE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS HELPING INDIVIDUALS ACHIEVE AND SUSTAIN RECOVERY.

**Chairman**

Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:27:29 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:28:13 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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  
244<sup>th</sup> Annual Session*

Item 4  
Resolution No. 2024-09-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of September 2024.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR TDOT PROJECT PIN NUMBER 128634.71, WHICH INCLUDES MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE.**

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Department of Transportation is set to begin safety improvements long-planned for roadways under the maintenance of the Sullivan County Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, TDOT has reached an agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway regarding construction related to this project in reference to property owned and maintained by the railroad company; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the project requires no matching funds from Sullivan County; however, TDOT has asked Sullivan County to sign an agreement to accept ownership and future maintenance of the roadways included in the project; and

WHEREAS, the county attorney advises the full Sullivan County Commission must vote by majority to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement, due to potential future expenditures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission authorizes Mayor Richard Venable to sign the agreement with TDOT (contract attached) for project PIN number 128634.71.

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.

Duly passed and approved this 19th day of September 2024.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King  
Cosponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover, everyone voting in the affirmative.

2024-09-03 ACTIONS: Draft reviewed at Work Session on September 12, 2024. Sponsor noted road name should be Mountain View Drive. Resolution introduced at Monthly Meeting on September 19. – JHO III

09/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 23 Yes, 1 Absent. Sponsor requested everyone voting in the affirmative be added as Cosponsor.



Reviewed by Chairman: *John G. Lewis*  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

637

ATTEST: *Terisa Jacobs*  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivery

*Terisa Jacobs*  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ following \_\_\_\_\_ method: \_\_\_\_\_

*Richard Venable*  
Mayor, Sullivan County



# Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

32 Item 4 Resolution No: 2024-09-03 Sponsors: King/Glover  
Vote

638

**Description**

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR TDOT PROJECT PIN NUMBER 128634.71 FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR VARIOUS LOCAL ROADS IN THE COUNTY (LOCAL ROADS SAFETY INITIATIVE)

**Chairman**

Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:37:57 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:38:18 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

**Group voting result**

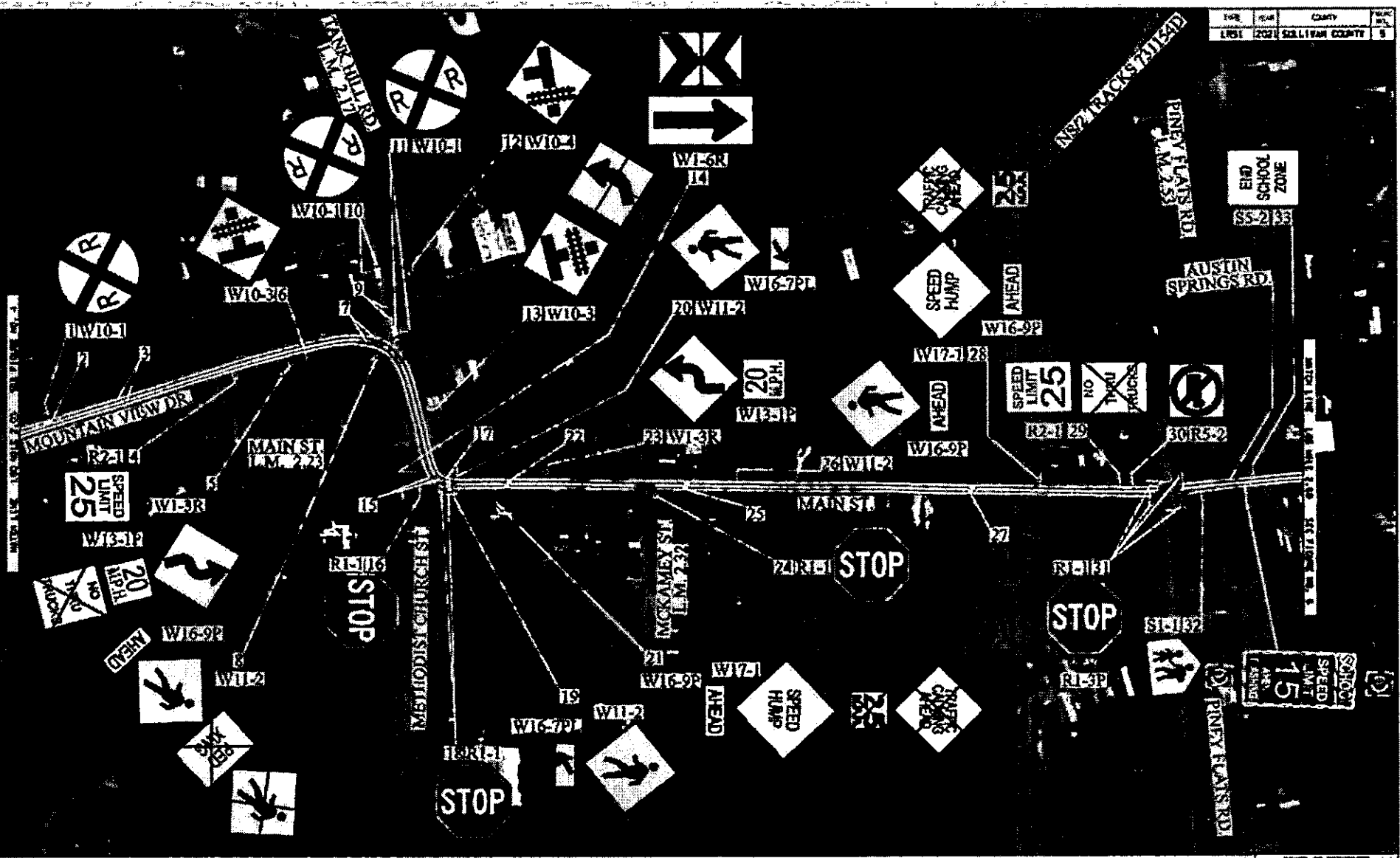
Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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			



FILE	YEAR	COUNTY	MAP NO.
LR51	2021	SULLIVAN COUNTY	9



**LOCAL ROADS SAFETY INITIATIVE**

LOCAL ROUTE 01374 (MOUNTAIN VIEW DR. / MAIN ST. / AUSTIN SPRINGS RD.)  
 L.M. 0.00 TO L.M. 4.02  
 SULLIVAN COUNTY

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION  
 SAFETY ENGINEERING SECTION

**FIGURE 5**  
 L.R. 01374  
 L.M. 2.03 to  
 L.M. 2.60

## GUIDANCE

1. Restripe the existing edgelines and centerline with spray thermoplastic (60 mil) 4" single solid white edgelines and a 6" double solid yellow centerline on Mountain View Drive from L.M. 1.50 to L.M. 2.03.
2. Install one (1) Stop (R1-1) (36"x36") sign on Tevler Hollow Road at the intersection with Mountain View Drive. Install a red retroreflective strip along the sign post. Install sixteen (16) feet of 24" thermoplastic stop line.
3. Remove the existing No Thru Trucks sign and install one (1) No Trucks (R5-2) (36"x36") sign on Mountain View Drive westbound at approximate L.M. 1.68.
4. Install one (1) Stop (R1-1) (36"x36") sign on Johnson Drive at the intersection with Mountain View Drive. Install a red retroreflective strip along the sign post. Install sixteen (16) feet of 24" thermoplastic stop line.
5. Install one (1) Reverse Turn (W1-3R) (36"x36") sign on and one (1) Speed Advisory (20 MPH) (W13-1P) (18"x18") plaque mounted below on Mountain View Drive westbound at approximate L.M. 1.82.
6. Install one (1) Truck (W11-10) (36"x36") sign and one (1) Next 1 Mile (W7-3aB) (24"x18") plaque mounted below on Mountain View Drive eastbound at approximate L.M. 1.83.
7. Remove and replace one (1) Grade Crossing (W10-1) (36" Dia.) sign on Mountain View Drive westbound at approximate L.M. 1.86.
8. Restripe the existing Railroad Crossing pavement marking on the westbound lane of Mountain View Drive at approximate L.M. 1.86.
9. Remove and replace one (1) Speed Limit (35 MPH) (R1-1) (24"x30") sign on Mountain View Drive eastbound at approximate L.M. 1.87.
10. Restripe twenty-four (24) feet of existing stop line along both direction of Mountain View Drive at approximate L.M. 1.94 and L.M. 1.98.

0' 200' 400' 600'



## LOCAL ROADS SAFETY INITIATIVE

LOCAL ROUTE 01374 (MOUNTAIN VIEW DR./ MAIN ST./ AUSTIN SPRINGS RD.)  
L.M. 0.00 TO L.M. 4.02  
SULLIVAN COUNTY

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING  
OPERATIONS DIVISION

FIGURE 4A  
L.R. 01374  
L.M. 1.50 to  
L.M. 2.03



**Local Route 01374 (Mountain View Drive/Main Street/Austin Springs Road)  
From S.R. 37 to Taylor Drive (L.M. 0.00 to L.M. 4.02)**

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**Project Description and Background**

This project was identified through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) safety needs investigation process. The section of Local Route 01374 (Mountain View Drive/Main Street/Austin Springs Road) from log mile 0.00 to log mile 4.02 is a two (2) lane rural major collector with lane widths of nine (9) feet and shoulders of two (2) feet. Local Route 01374 (Mountain View Drive/Main Street/Austin Springs Road) qualifies for safety funding because Local Route 01374 (Mountain View Drive/Main Street/Austin Springs Road) experienced thirty-four (34) crashes, including two (2) fatal crashes, from 2015 - 2021. Additionally, Local Route 01374 (Mountain View Drive/Main Street/Austin Springs Road) has a severe crash rate of 0.631 which exceeds the statewide average severe crash rate of 0.144.

**Pre-Brief Summary**

The Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) for this segment is 1080 vehicles per day. The posted speed limit is 35 mph. Crash data was obtained from 2015 through 2021. A total of thirty-four (34) crashes occurred along this segment during that period; with two (2) fatal crashes, four (4) suspected minor injury crashes involving six (6) suspected minor injuries, and twenty-eight (28) property damage crashes. Forty-one percent (41%) of the crashes were lane departure crashes.

**Site Visit**

An onsite field review for Local Route 01374 was held at 9:00 a.m. ET on October 19, 2021.

**Observations**

- The warning signs and pavement markings along Mountain View Drive/Main Street/Austin Springs Road are in poor condition.
- The entrance to General Shale (L.M. 0.48) has a cluster of multiple crashes with three (3) total crashes, including two (2) suspected minor injury crashes.
- A section of roadway (L.M. 1.97 to L.M. 2.03) has a cluster of multiple crashes with four (4) total crashes, including four (4) property damage crashes.


The total estimated cost of the improvements listed in the report is \$48,600. Right-of-way acquisition is not required. A maintenance agreement is required with Sullivan County. A local match is not required. These improvements will be let to contract.







### COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY

Route:	Local Route 61374 (Mountain View Dr./Main St./Austin Springs Rd.)			
Description:	SR-75 to Devault Bridge Road			
Project Type of Work:	RSAR			
County:	Sullivan County			
Length:	4.02			
Date:	June 28, 2022			
				
DESCRIPTION	LOCAL 0%	STATE 0%	FEDERAL 100%	TOTAL
<b>Construction Items</b>				
Pavement Removal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Asphalt Paving	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Concrete Pavement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Drainage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appurtenances	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Structures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fencing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Signalization	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Railroad Crossing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Excavation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clearing and Grubbing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grading & Bedding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rip-Rap or Stone Protection	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Guardrail	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200
Signage	\$0	\$0	\$18,800	\$18,800
Pavement Markings	\$0	\$0	\$25,200	\$25,200
Maintenance of Traffic (MAT)	\$0	\$0	\$2,200	\$2,200
Mobilization (M)	\$0	\$0	\$2,200	\$2,200
Other Items = 10%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contingency = 10%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Construction Estimate</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$48,600</b>	<b>\$48,600</b>
<b>Interchanges &amp; Unique Intersections</b>				
Roadways	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interchanges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Right-of-Way &amp; Utilities</b>				
Right-of-Way	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Preliminary &amp; Construction Engineering and Inspection</b>				
Prelim. Eng.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Const. Eng. & Inspec.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Project Cost (2021)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$48,600</b>	<b>\$48,600</b>



State Proj : 82946-3466-94



Federal Proj : HSIP-8200(32)

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## RAILROAD AGREEMENT

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THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by, and between the **State of Tennessee** acting through its Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "TDOT") and **Sullivan County** (hereinafter referred to as the "Local Agency").

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, TDOT plans to undertake Project Pin Number: **128634.71** described as **Miscellaneous Safety Improvements near Various Local Roads In Sullivan County (Local Roads Safety Initiative)** at Mile Post **0015.920-A & 0015.710-A (DOT#: 731156S & 731154D)**, near **Bluff City** in Sullivan County, Tennessee (hereinafter referred to as the "Highway Project") impacting a road under the maintenance jurisdiction of the Local Agency as well as the facilities of **Norfolk Southern Railway Company** (hereinafter referred to as the "Railroad"); and

WHEREAS, the Local Agency agrees to cooperate with TDOT and the Railroad regarding the construction of the Highway Project, and to assume ownership and the responsibility to maintain the Highway Project upon completion as detailed herein; and

WHEREAS, TDOT and Railroad have executed or will execute a separate agreement providing for the Railroad's accommodation of the Highway Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and the mutual promises contained herein, the parties agree to provide for the services necessary for the construction and maintenance of the Highway Project under the following terms and conditions:

1. For the portion(s) of the Highway Project involving Crossing(s) **DOT# 731156S & 731154D**, the provisions of this subsection shall apply.
  - I. As shown on the Highway Plans, access to the area designated as "construction access" is agreed to for the purpose of demolition and construction and shall terminate upon completion of the Highway Project construction. As shown on the Highway Plans, the area designated as "crossing agreement" is the area needed to accommodate the operation, inspection, and maintenance of the highway, including a maintenance area fifteen feet (15') outside the edge of pavement, subject to such requirements of the Railroad as the parties shall reasonably agree.
  - II. The Local Agency agrees to notify the Railroad before undertaking any inspection or maintenance work within the "crossing agreement" area, including any activities within twenty-five feet (25') on either side of the centerline



of the tracks or activities which may create a hazard, cause debris, or adversely affect railroad operations, maintenance or safety. The Local Agency shall not commence such work until Railroad has approved the plans, and the Railroad agrees to use its reasonable best efforts to review and approve such plans as quickly as possible and shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its review and approval of such plans. The Local Agency shall be responsible for reasonable costs, including but not limited to, engineering review and specified safety requirements, incurred by the Railroad as a result of the Local Agency's work.

- III. The Local Agency agrees that it shall have the legal and financial responsibility for maintaining the Highway Project upon its completion.
2. TDOT shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Agreement.
3. This Agreement may be modified only by a written amendment executed by the parties hereto.
4. Failure by any party to this Agreement to insist in any one or more cases upon strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any such term, covenant, condition or provision. No term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement shall be held to be waived, modified, or deleted except by written amendment signed by the parties hereto.
5. The Local Agency hereby agrees, warrants, and assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Agreement or in the employment practices of the Local Agency on the grounds of disability, age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any classification protected by the Constitution or statutes of the United States or the State of Tennessee. The Local Agency shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.
6. The Local Agency agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations in performing any of its obligations under this Agreement.
7. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.
8. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee. The Local Agency acknowledges and agrees that any rights or claims against the State of Tennessee or its employees hereunder, and any remedies arising therefrom, shall be subject to and limited to those rights and remedies, if any, available under Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 9-8-101 through 9-8-407.
9. If any terms, covenants, conditions or provisions of this Agreement are held to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law, the other terms, covenants, conditions, and provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby, and shall remain in full force and effect. To this end, the terms and conditions of this Agreement are declared severable.
10. The Local Agency shall assume all liability for third-party claims and damages arising from the maintenance, existence, and use of the Project to the extent provided by Tennessee Law and subject to the provisions, terms and liability limits of the Governmental Tort Liability Act, T.C.A. Section 29-20-101 *et seq.*, and all applicable laws.



11. The Local Agency warrants that no amount shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Local Agency in connection with any work contemplated or performed relative to this Agreement.
12. TDOT and the Local Agency agree that any notice provided for in this Agreement or concerning this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be made by personal delivery, by certified mail (return receipt requested), by nationally recognized overnight delivery service (such as FedEx or UPS), or by email transmission (provided that notice shall also be given in one of the other methods prescribed herein) addressed to the respective party at the appropriate address as set forth below or to such other party or address as may be hereafter specified by written notice.

To TDOT:

Tennessee Department of Transportation  
Attention: Jay Lanius, State Railroad Coordinator  
Suite 600, James K. Polk Building  
505 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0329  
Email: [HQRailroadCoordinator@tn.gov](mailto:HQRailroadCoordinator@tn.gov)

With a copy if requested by TDOT to:

Leslie South, General Counsel  
Tennessee Department of Transportation  
Suite 300, James K. Polk Building  
505 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0326  
Email: [Leslie.South@tn.gov](mailto:Leslie.South@tn.gov)

To the Local Agency:

Richard Venable, County Mayor  
3411 Highway 126  
Blountville, Tennessee 37617  
Phone: (423) 323-6417  
Email: [rvenable@sullivancountytn.gov](mailto:rvenable@sullivancountytn.gov)

11. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY:**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Howard H. Eley, Commissioner

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leslie South, General Counsel

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_



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

Item 5  
Resolution No. 2024-09-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of September 2024.

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE JUUL SETTLEMENT REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE CATCH MY BREATH PROGRAM IN THE 2024-25 BUDGET.**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the JUUL settlement and has chosen to utilize those funds to offset the cost of educating students on the effects of vaping and/or smoking through the Catch My Breath program; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2024-25 year are \$12,169.82;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said reimbursement; not to exceed the above amount (\$12,169.82). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
44180	Expenditure Credit	12,169.82
72210-189-724	Other Salaries & Wages	7,500.00
72210-201-724	Social Security	475.00
72210-204-724	State Retirement	675.00
72210-212-724	Employer Medicare	110.00
72210-499-724	Other Supplies & Mtls	3,409.82

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 September 2024.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite**  
**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Sam Jones, everyone voting in the affirmative.**



2024-09-04 ACTIONS: Draft reviewed at Work Session on September 12 as submitted by Sullivan County Department of Education with no sponsor/cosponsor. Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite said she would sponsor and submit for addition to agenda for Monthly Meeting on September 19. Commissioner Sam Jones said he would cosponsor. – JHO III  
09/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 23 Yes, 1 Absent. Sponsor requested everyone voting in the affirmative be added as Cosponsors.

Reviewed by Chairman: *John Giacalone*  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: *Terese Jacobs*  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 at or about the following time @:30 am by the following method: Hand delivery  
*Terese Jacobs*  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ following method: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Richard Venable*  
Mayor, Sullivan County





# Agenda subject voting report

651

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

34 Item 5 Resolution No. 2024-09-04 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Jones  
Vote

**Description**

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE JUUL SETTLEMENT REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE CATCH MY BREATH PROGRAM IN THE 2024-25 BUDGET.

**Chairman**

Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:39:50 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:40:12 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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  
244<sup>th</sup> Annual Session*

Item 6  
Resolution No. 2024-09-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of September 2024.

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2025 PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT FUNDS IN THE 2024-25 BUDGET.**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support school security; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2024-25 year are \$10,935.62;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds; not to exceed the above amount (\$10,935.62). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
46980-719	Other State Grants	10,935.62
72620-790-719	Other Equipment	10,935.62

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 September 2024.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Zane Vanover  
Co-Sponsor: Commissioner John Gardner**

2024-09-05 ACTIONS: Draft reviewed at Work Session on September 12 as submitted by Sullivan County Department of Education with no sponsor/cosponsor. Commissioner Zane Vanover said he would sponsor and submit for addition to agenda for Monthly Meeting on September 19. Commissioner John Gardner said he would cosponsor. – JHO III  
09/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 23 Yes, 1 Absent



Reviewed by Chairman: John Gaudin  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: hand delivery

Teresa Jacobs  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Vermate  
Mayor, Sullivan County



## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

35 Item 6 Resolution No. 2024-09-05 Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner  
Vote

654

**Description**

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2025 PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT FUNDS IN THE 2024-25 BUDGET.

**Chairman**

Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:41:14 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:41:39 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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  
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Item 7  
Resolution No. 2024-09-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PERSONAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAX RECOVERY PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS on April 1 of each year real property taxes having a delinquency period of over two years (i.e. 2022 taxes were transferred April 1, 2024) are transferred to the Clerk & Master per state statute; in addition, Sullivan County has traditionally transferred delinquent personal property taxes as of the same period of delinquency to the Clerk & Master although not required by state statute; and

WHEREAS T.C.A. § 67-5-2004 authorizes the County trustee to retain an agent to collect delinquent tangible personal property taxes; and

WHEREAS American Financial Credit Services provides recovery and resolution services for a variety of government debt, specializing in delinquent personal property tax and currently services 200 counties across eight states; and

WHEREAS Sumner County has issued a Request for Proposal and entered into a Vendor Service Agreement with American Financial Credit Services (AFCS) as of August 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS T.C.A. § 12-3-1203 allows other counties seeking the same service to “piggyback” off Sumner County’s contract; and

WHEREAS the Request for Proposal and Vendor Service Agreement has been reviewed by the Sullivan County Purchasing and approved for use; and

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Trustee wishes to enter a contract with American Financial Credit Services at no cost to the County to collect delinquent personal property taxes and increase revenue for the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the Sullivan County Trustee, Angela Taylor, to enter a contract a Vendor Service Agreement with American Financial Credit Services for the collection of delinquent personal property taxes at no cost to Sullivan County.**

**CONTINUED**



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approve: \_\_\_\_\_

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover**

**Cosponsors: Commissioners Hershel Glover, Larry Crawford, Joyce Crosswhite, Hunter Locke, Mark Ireson, Cheryl Harvey**

2024-09-06 ACTIONS: Draft reviewed at Work Session on September 12. Commissioner Zane Vanover noted Trustee Angela Taylor attended a meeting that morning of the Sullivan County Financial Management Committee, which voted to recommend the proposal. Commissioner Sam Jones requested Trustee Angela Taylor be available to answer questions if resolution is introduced at Monthly Meeting on September 19. – JHO III  
09/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 23 Yes, 1 Absent



Reviewed by Chairman: John Gaudin  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Terese Jacobs  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivery

Terese Jacobs  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Richard Wemah  
Mayor, Sullivan County



## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

45 Item 7 Resolution No. 2024-09-06 Sponsors: Vanover/Glover  
Vote

658

**Description**

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PERSONAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT  
TAX RECOVERY PROGRAM.

**Chairman**

Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:42:50 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:43:10 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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			



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244<sup>th</sup> Annual Session*

Item 8  
Resolution No. 2024-09-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of September 2024.

**RESOLUTION to Recognize the FY 2025 Innovative School Models (ISM) Grant Funds in the General Purpose School Fund**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2024-25 year are \$3,333,201.36.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount (\$3,333,201.36). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
46790-717	Other State Grants	3,333,201.36
71100-700-717	Capital Outlay	168,000.00
71300-100-717	Personnel	90,811.00
71300-200-717	Employee Benefits	26,000.00
71300-400-717	Supplies & Materials	222,000.00
71300-700-717	Capital Outlay	244,220.84
72230-300-717	Contracted Services	20,000.00
72230-500-717	Other Charges	20,800.00
72710-300-717	Contracted Services	13,690.00
76100-300-717	Contracted Services	64,430.52
76100-700-717	Capital Outlay	2,463,249.00

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 September 2024.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commission John Gardner**  
**Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover**

2024-09-07 ACTIONS: Draft reviewed at Work Session on September 12 as submitted by Sullivan County Department of Education with no sponsor/cosponsor. Commissioner John Gardner said he would sponsor and submit for addition to agenda for Monthly Meeting on September 19. Commissioner Zane Vanover said he would cosponsor. An amending draft submitted prior to Monthly meeting and is reflected above. – JHO III  
09/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 23 Yes, 1 Absent

Reviewed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

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\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County



## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

46 Item 8 Resolution No. 2024-09-07 Sponsors: Gardner/Vanover  
Vote

661

**Description**

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2025 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM)

GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

**Chairman**

Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:47:49 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:48:05 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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			

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244<sup>th</sup> Annual Session*

Item 9  
Resolution No. 2024-09-08

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**A RESOLUTION TO RECORD THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION'S SUPPORT OF COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK OR OTHER OPTIONS TO ALLOW FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES, AT THEIR DISCRETION, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SERVICES AND/OR RECRUIT/RETAIN EMPLOYEES, WITHOUT ANY REDUCTION IN DAYS/HOURS OF ACCESS TO SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission is proud of its departments and offices and the appointed or elected officials who run them, and especially appreciative of the dedicated employees who are the backbone of the public services provided by the county; and

WHEREAS, some studies have shown that a four-day work week may be beneficial to both employers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission supports efforts to maximize opportunities for the best public service possible, while balancing that with opportunities to enhance the workplace environment of the county's employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission is on record as supporting consideration of benefits, if any, to a four-day work week by any department head or elected official who wishes to consider options which would not eliminate public services being available Mondays through Fridays and at not additional cost to the 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.

Duly passed and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

SPONSOR: Commissioner Zane Vanover  
COSPONSOR: Commissioner David Hayes

2024-09-08 ACTION: Introduced at Monthly Meeting on September 19, 2024, on First Reading. – JHO III  
09/19/24 1<sup>st</sup> Reading



Reviewed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ following \_\_\_\_\_ method: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County



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Item 10  
Resolution No. 2024-09-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of September 2024.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S SHARE OF PREMIUM PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR.**

**WHEREAS** Sullivan County has participated in the State of Tennessee local government insurance pool for approximately 9 years and each year the State updates the cost for local government to participate in the plan; and,

**WHEREAS** Sullivan County participation in the Local Government Employee Insurance pool enrollment period starts **October 1 through October 31, 2024**; and,

**WHEREAS** State of Tennessee has designated a 1.6 percentage increase based upon the participating employee's coverage level; and,

**WHEREAS** the employer's share (Sullivan County) has been funded in the 2025 FY's approved budget for each department.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approves the 1.6% increase in the employee monthly share of cost based upon the employee's level of participation as follows:

**Employees only coverage by \$1.29  
Employee Plus Children \$2.34  
Employee plus Spouse \$2.61  
Employee plus family \$3.57**

See attached schedule for more details.

**(Waiver of the Rules requested)**

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

Duly passed and approved this 19th day of September 2024.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsor: Commissioner John Garder**



**Co-Sponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton, Commissioner Sam Jones**

2024-09-09 ACTION: Introduced at Monthly Meeting on September 19, 2024, waiver of rules requested for immediate vote. – JHO III

09/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent

<b>STATE HEALTH INSURANCE LIMITED PLAN</b>			
<b>Monthly Rates for Employees</b>			
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Employee Only</b>	<b>\$81.75</b>	<b>\$80.46</b>	<b>\$1.29</b>
<b>Employee Plus Child</b>	<b>\$148.71</b>	<b>\$146.37</b>	<b>\$2.34</b>
<b>Employee Plus Spouse</b>	<b>\$165.91</b>	<b>\$163.30</b>	<b>\$2.61</b>
<b>Employee Plus Family</b>	<b>\$226.83</b>	<b>\$223.26</b>	<b>\$3.57</b>



Reviewed by Chairman: John Gushue  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Aeresa Jacobs  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivery

Aeresa Jacobs  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ following \_\_\_\_\_ method:

Richard Venable  
Mayor, Sullivan County





## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

48 Item 10 Resolution No. 2024-09-09 Sponsors: Gardner/Calton  
Vote

667

**Description**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S SHARE OF PREMIUM PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR.

**Chairman**

Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:56:24 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:56:44 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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 ()				
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

*Sullivan County  
Board of County Commissioners  
244th Annual Session*

Item 11  
No. 2024-09-10

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION RECYCLING EQUIPMENT GRANT FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has the opportunity to reap the benefits of a Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Recycling Equipment Grant to purchase a fork lift, skid steerer, and conveyor system for the Sullivan County Recycling Program; and

WHEREAS, if chosen to receive the grant the \$140,000 total cost would require a 60/40 split, state fund/county funds (\$84,000 from the TDEC grant/\$56,000 from existing funds in the Solid Waste Department’s budget) and further modernization of the Sullivan County Recycling Program; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to apply for the grant is October 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, no new allocation of funding is requested to meet the scope and purposes of the grant.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, ASSEMBLED IN REGULAR SESSION, HEREBY APPROVES THE SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR THE TDEC RECYCLING EQUIPMENT GRANT FOR PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM BY PURCHASING A FORK LIFT, SKID STEERER, AND CONVEYOR SYSTEM AT A TOTAL COST OF UP TO \$140,000.**

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the \$140,000 cost will be under a 60/40 split funding agreement with TDEC providing up to \$84,000 and the Sullivan County Solid Waste Department providing up to \$56,000 from within its current budget.**

Waiver of Rules Requested

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

Duly passed and approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Larry Crawford, Commissioner Hershel Glover**

2024-09-11 ACTION: Introduced with request for waiver of the rules and immediate vote at Monthly Meeting, September 19, 2024. – JHO III  
09/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Reviewed by Chairman: *Julia Gaudin*  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

669

ATTEST: *Teresa Jacobs*  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: hand delivery

*Teresa Jacobs*  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ following \_\_\_\_\_ method: \_\_\_\_\_

*Richard Vernall*  
Mayor, Sullivan County



# Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

49 Item 11 Resolution No. 2024-09-10 Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford  
Vote

670

**Description**

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION RECYCLING EQUIPMENT GRANT FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT.

**Chairman** Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:58:31 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:58:56 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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 ()				
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

*Sullivan County  
Board of County Commissioners  
244th Annual Session*

Item 12  
No. 2024-09-11

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES TECHNOLOGY GRANT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024.**

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County will receive grant funds in the amount of \$1,693.00 available through the Tennessee State Library and Archives for the purchase of technology equipment including computers, software, and networking hardware;

**WHEREAS**, said grant contract will be effective on October 1, 2024 and extend for a period of 7 months after the effective date: Said grant ending April 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, said grantee will agree to participate in the grant project and provide a portion of funding for the project from the library's current operating budget; however, the grantee's participation will not impact the maximum amount reimbursable to the grantee and said amount is intended as a goal for the total project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves accepting and appropriating funds for a grant in the amount of \$1,693.00 available through the Tennessee State Library and Archives used for technology equipment and software used in the day-to-day operation of the library.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sullivan County Public Library Director is authorized to execute the grant contract and all other documents that are required to receive, implement, and request funds or reimbursements in relation to this grant project. Account Codes to be assigned by the Director of Accounts and Budgets.

**WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED**

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

Approved this 19th day of September 2024.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross**  
**Cosponsor: Commissioner Michael Cole**

2024-09-11 ACTIONS: Introduced at Monthly Meeting, September 19, 2024, waiver of rules requested.

09/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Reviewed by Chairman: John Gaudin  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Alessa Jacobs  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 at or about the following time 8:30 am by the following method: Hand delivery.

Alessa Jacobs  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method: \_\_\_\_\_.

Richard Venable  
Mayor, Sullivan County



# Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 19 2024

9/19/2024

50 Item 12 Resolution No. 2024-09-11 Sponsors: Cross/Cole  
Vote

673

**Description** RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES TECHNOLOGY GRANT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024.

**Chairman** Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:59:39 PM

**Voting stop time** 8:00:05 PM

**Voting configuration** Vote

**Voting mode** Open

**Vote result**

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()				
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 ()				
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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*Board of County Commissioners*  
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Item 13  
No. 2024-09-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO RETAIN AN ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE A DAILY PRESENCE ON NASHVILLE TO REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY AND ITS TAXPAYERS BY MONITORING DAY-TO-DAY PROGRESS OF POTENTIAL STATE LAWS AND PROVIDE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION.**

Whereas, the Sullivan County Commission and County Constitutional Officeholders commend our Legislative delegation on their outstanding representation of their Sullivan County constituents and Sullivan County governments; and

Whereas, the Tennessee General Assembly will, during the upcoming session, file nearly 2000 pieces of legislation; and

Whereas, during the Legislative session many of these bills are acted on daily and many of these bills will affect our County government and our taxpayers, with many of these bills having potential to pit urban vs. rural interests; and

Whereas, our outstanding delegation of state legislators are required to vote on these bills; and

Whereas, our elected State Representatives and State Senators serve both urban and rural constituencies; and

Whereas, Sullivan County is represented in Nashville by many outstanding organizations such as TSEA, ACM, TCCA and others, and these organizations do an excellent job for all 95 counties in Tennessee; and

Whereas, many counties across the state have different interests than Sullivan County, and the Sullivan County Commission needs real time reporting of legislation progress on items pertaining to Sullivan County's particular interests to best meet the needs of county residents and taxpayers; and

Whereas it is not reasonable to request that our legislators lobby against the interest of any of their constituents or governments; and

Whereas, the Sullivan County Commission needs a Legislative Session review at the end of session.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission authorizes the County Mayor to enter into a one-year agreement to retain an organization to provide a daily presence on Nashville to assist our legislators when requested, to present Sullivan County positions on pending legislation to other 128 legislators and to provide periodic legislative reports to the Commission.





BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor is authorized to commit up to \$45,000 for this contracted service and funds are to be provided from the current County Commission account.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham**  
**Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite**

2024-09-12 ACTIONS: Introduced on First Reding at Monthly Meeting, September 19, 2024. – JHO III  
09/19/24 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Reviewed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ following \_\_\_\_\_ method: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County



Comm. Jones made a motion to postpone voting on Committees until October meeting.  
 2nd by Comm. Locke, Stidham Voice Vote taken and approved.

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners Committee Assignments FY 2024-2025		
<b>Administrative</b> Hershel Glover Hunter Locke Tony Leonard Joe McMurray Jessica Means David Hayes Joe Carr Cheryl Harvey <i>Address Utility Issues</i>	<b>Budget</b> Richard Venable David Akard Darlene Calton Joyce Crosswhite John Gardner Sam Jones Mark Ireson Zane Vanover Dwight King <i>Serves As Delinquent Tax &amp; Title VI Cmte</i>	<b>Executive</b> Michael Cole Larry Crawford Andrew Cross Daniel Horne Travis Ward Gary Stidham Archie Pierce Matt Slagle <i>Oversees Youth Home</i>
<b>Building Committee</b> Hershel Glover Dwight King David Akard Cheryl Harvey Travis Ward Joe McMurray Joe Carr Mark Ireson	<b>Beverage Board</b> Darlene Calton Michael Cole Zane Vanover Tony Leonard Archie Pierce Joe Carr <i>Serves As Adult-Oriented Est. Board</i>	<b>Insurance Committee</b> David Akard Gary Stidham John Gardner Sam Jones Joe Carr Jessica Means David Hayes Daniel Horne <i>Larry Bailey, Ex Officio</i>
<b>Agriculture Extension Committee</b> Hershel Glover, Dwight King Zane Vanover	<b>Historic Preservation Advisory Committee</b> Tony Galloway, County Historian Betsy Carrier, Citizen Jim Hager, Citizen Richard Venable, County Mayor Angela Crane, Marketing Associate Matthew Johnson, Archivist Andrew Cross Joyce Crosswhite Jessica Means	<b>Ethics Committee</b> Jason Booher, Administrator of Elections Angela Taylor, Trustee Bobby Russell, Circuit Court Clerk Matt Slagle, John Gardner Archie Pierce, David Akard
<b>Observation Knob Park Committee</b> David Akard <i>Darlene Calton</i> Sam Jones Andrew Cross Tony Leonard, David Hayes	<b>Liaison to City Governments</b> <b>Bluff City</b> Hershel Glover Dwight King <b>Bristol</b> David Akard Cheryl Harvey Matt Slagle <b>Kingsport</b> Larry Crawford Hunter Locke Gary Stidham	<b>Bays Mountain Park Committee</b> Archie Pierce <b>Optoid Advisory Committee</b> Matt Slagle, Archie Pierce, Joyce Crosswhite Darlene Calton, Larry Crawford, Joe Carr, Sheriff Cassidy Richard Venable, County Mayor, Judge Jim Goodwin
<b>Integrated Emergency Preparedness</b> Jim Bean, EMA Director Hunter Locke Travis Ward Daniel Horne	<b>Sullivan County Library Board</b> <b>Public Records Commission</b> <i>Katie Preister, Chancellor</i> Richard Venable, County Mayor Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk Sheena Tinsley, Register of Deeds Betsy Carrier, Citizen Joyce Crosswhite Matthew Johnson, Archivist Tony Galloway, Historian	<b>Financial Management Committee</b> Larry Crawford Hershel Glover Zane Vanover Richard Venable, County Mayor Larry Bailey, Finance Director Scott Murray, Commissioner of Highways Chuck Carter, Director of Schools
<b>Audit Committee</b> Joe McMurray John Gardner Dwight King	<b>Historic Zoning Commission</b> Michael Cole	<b>Corrections Transition Committee (Ad Hoc)</b> <b>Wally Boyd</b> , Sam Jones, Cheryl Harvey Zane Vanover Darlene Calton Dwight King Joe McMurray Gary Stidham Larry Bailey, Sheriff Cassidy, Lee Carswell
<b>Education Committee</b> Zane Vanover Larry Crawford Cheryl Harvey, Joyce Crosswhite Mark Ireson <i>Chuck Carter &amp; Larry Bailey Ex Officio</i>	<b>Planning Commission</b> Darlene Calton	

# *Sullivan County*



**AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER AKARD TO MEET AGAIN IN WORK SESSION ON OCTOBER 10, 2024.**

  
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**JOHN GARDNER**

**COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**