

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER 19, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS COMMISSIONER JOHN GARDNER, COUNTY CHAIRMAN AND TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by County Chairman John Gardner, Sgt. Phillip White opened the commission and Commissioner Crawford gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Sgt. Phillip White.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

DAVID AKARD	MARK IRESON
DARLENE CALTON	SAMUEL "SAM" JONES
	DWIGHT KING
MICHAEL COLE	TONY LEONARD
LARRY CRAWFORD	HUNTER LOCKE
ANDREW CROSS	JOE MCMURRAY
JOYCE NEAL CROSSWHITE	
JOHN GARDNER	
HERSHEL GLOVER	MATT SLAGLE
CHERYL HARVEY	GARY STIDHAM
DAVID HAYES	ZANE VANOVER
DANIEL HORNE	TRAVIS WARD

21 PRESENT, 3 ABSENT

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: JOE CARR, JESSICA MEANS, ARCHIE PIERCE

NOTE: CARR IN AT 6:11 PM

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 and Calton to approve the minutes of the Work Session held on November 14, 2024, and the minutes of the Regular Session and held on November 21, 2024. Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent.

Agenda subject voting report

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Sullivan County Commission December 19 2024

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2 Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk
Roll Call

Description Roll Call
Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result
Voting start time 6:00:24 PM
Voting stop time 6:01:21 PM
Voting configuration Roll Call - Attendances
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Present	21
Total Present	21
Total Seats	28
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result	21	0

Individual voting result

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

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

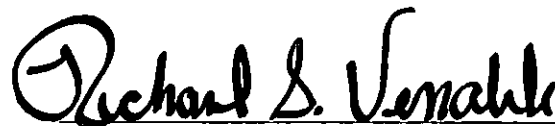
COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Chairman John T. Gardner presiding.
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Appointments:
 - 1) Sheila Earhart and Linda Jones to the UT/TSU Extension, Sullivan County, Agriculture Committee.
 - 2) Linda Brittenham and Dr. Mark Webb, to the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission.
- ❖ Presentations:
 - 1) Clay Walker, NETWORKS.
 - 2) Excel Energy Group
- ❖ Approval of Commission Minutes of November 14, 2024, Rezoning Hearing/Work Session Meeting and November 21, 2024, Regular Session Meeting (Minutes are provided to commission members electronically and are available to the public at www.sullivancountyclerktn.com/commission-minutes)
- ❖ Approval of Notaries Public
- ❖ Public Comment on Agenda Items
- ❖ Resolutions Requested for Consent
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Public Comment on Items not on the agenda
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
December 19, 2024

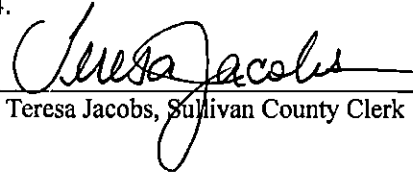
The Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session this 19th day of December 2024 hereby appoints the following new members/farm women to the UT/TSU Extension, Sullivan County, Agriculture Committee:

- 1) Sheila Earhart
- 2) Linda Jones



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 December 2024.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

The above appointments were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on 12/19/24.
19 Yes, 2 No, 3 Absent

Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
244th Session

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

Order reappointing Board Members

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 Dr. Mark Webb and Linda Brittenham are 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 Dr. Mark Webb and Ms. Linda Brittenham be reappointed to serve on the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission.

Term: December 2024 to December 2028


 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 December 2024.


 Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

The above appointments were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on 12/19/24.
 19 Yes, 2 No, 3 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

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Sullivan County Commission December 19 2024

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20 Appointments

Description

Sheila Earhart and Linda Jones to the UT/TSU Extension Sullivan County Agriculture Committee

Chairman

Dr. Mark Webb and Linda Brittenham to Regional Planning Commission
Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:04:08 PM
 Voting stop time 6:04:36 PM
 Voting configuration Vote
 Voting mode Open
 Vote result

Yes	19
Abstain	0
No	2
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	19	2	0
Total result	19	2	03

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()				X
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()			X	
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()				X
Pierce, Archie ()				X
Slagle, Matt ()			X	
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

Agenda subject voting report

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3 Approval of Commission Minutes

Description

Approval of Commission Minutes of November 14, 2024, Rezoning Hearing/Work Session Meeting and November 21, 2024, Regular Session Meeting

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time

6:24:30 PM

Motion to approve by Comm. Crawford
2nd by Comm. Locke, Calton

Voting stop time

6:24:59 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
Total result	22	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()				X
Pierce, Archie ()				X
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Notaries to be elected December 19,2024

KASEY R ALLEN	BRANDIE ERVIN
AMBER BOLEY	ROBERT JOSEPH GOAD II
SEAN M. CARNAHAN	MATTHEW GRIFFITH
JENNIFER CHAI	DANIELLE HENRY
CHRIS ALLEN CHRISTIAN	RICKY M KISER
STEPHANIE B. CLISSO	DAVID L. LAWS
PAMELA ELAINE COLE	TRICIA MCCLURE SALE
JENNIFER COLLIER	KRISTY SAWYER
STEPHEN MICHAEL COUNTS JR.	ROBERT SHUFFETT
ASHLEY MARIE DEEL	ANGELA RENEE THORNSBERRY
FRANK JOSEPH DELPRETE	JIMMY WINGFIELD
PATRICIA KAYE DILLMAN	

PERSONAL SURETY

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

22 YES, 2 ABSENT

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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10. Approval of Notaries Public

Description Approval of Notaries Public
Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result
Voting start time 6:26:21 PM
Voting stop time 6:26:37 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
Total result	22	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()				X
Pierce, Archie ()				X
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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4 Consent Agenda

Description Consent Agenda

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:29:47 PM
 Voting stop time 6:30:07 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
Total result	22	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()				X
Pierce, Archie ()				X
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

RESOLUTIONSOLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2024-11-09 **WITHDRAWN**
 Sponsors: Ireson/Harvey
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE \$600 PER YEAR EDUCATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-11-14 **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: Jones/Calton
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY EXPRESSING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S INTEREST IN EXTENDING FOR 30 YEARS THE COUNTY'S EASEMENT FROM TVA OF TVA-OWNED LAND KNOWN AND OPERATED FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS AS OBSERVATION KNOB PARK.

NEW BUSINESS

~~Item 3 Resolution No. to be assigned. DRAFT WITHDRAWN~~
~~Sponsors: Vanover/Ward~~
~~A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, ACCEPTANCE OF, AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY.~~

Item 3 Resolution No. 2024-12-02 **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: Ireson/Ward
RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT WITH AXON TO PROVIDE BODY CAMERAS, DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLIMENTATION AND TRAINING.

Item 4 Resolution No. 2024-12-03 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD ATLAS.

Item 5 Resolution No. 2024-12-04 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: Cole/Ward
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 25 TRAINING EQUIPMENT GRANT.

Item 6 Resolution No. 2024-12-05 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Locke/Pierce

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF KINGSPORT TO ALLOW THE CITY TO LEASE AT ITS DISCRETION LARGELY UNUSED PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY AT 225 W CENTER ST (FORMERLY KINGSPORT'S CITY HALL) IN WHICH THE COUNTY HAS UNDIVIDED OWNERSHIP OF 16%.

Item 7 Resolution No. 2024-12-06 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY (60) MONTH LEASE WITH CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE COPIERS.

Item 8 Resolution No. 2024-12-07 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Vanover/Ireson

RESOLUTION to RECOGNIZE THE REMAINING APPROPRIATIONS RESULTING FROM A DONATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TURF FOR THE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL INFIELDS AT SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL IN A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2024-12-08 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2024-12-09 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Vanover/Ireson

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO THE STRUCTURAL REVIEW OF SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2024-12-10 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING THE INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODEL GRANT PROJECTS AT SULLIVAN EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.

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

Sponsors: Vanover/Ireson

RESOLUTION to APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING THE BOILER AT MILLER PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2024-12-12 I-(ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

RESOLUTION to APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATIONS TO THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2024-12-13 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Calton/Gardner

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY IN THE 17TH CIVIL DISTRICT.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2024-12-14 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PROVIDING SPECIALIZED TRAINING TO LOCAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIANS.

Item 16 Resolution No. 2024-12-15 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT / TRAINING.

Item 17 Resolution No. 2024-12-16 **1ST READING**

Sponsors: Slagle/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NEW PASSENGER AIR SERVICE AT TRI-CITIES AIRPORT.

CONSENT AGENDA
DECEMBER 19, 2024

- Item 4 Resolution No. 2024-12-03
 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton
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 Sponsors: Cole/Ward
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- Item 11 Resolution No. 2024-12-10
 Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover
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FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING THE INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODEL GRANT PROJECTS AT SULLIVAN EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.

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Item 13 Resolution No. 2024-12-12

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

RESOLUTION to APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATIONS TO THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2024-12-13

Sponsors: Calton/Gardner

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY IN THE 17TH CIVIL DISTRICT.

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

Old Business
Item 1
Resolution No. 2024-11-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, under T.C.A. § 5-5-113, counties are authorized and encouraged to pay a supplement of six hundred dollars (\$600) to county legislative body members who successfully complete in each year at least eight (8) hours of continuing education training at conferences or meetings provided or approved by the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS); and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County desires to provide for such an incentive payment to county legislative body members who successfully complete the annual training, subject to budget availability and appropriation of funds

.NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County legislative body, meeting in regular session at Sullivan, Tennessee:

SECTION 1. Any county legislative body member of Sullivan County who has completed at least eight (8) hours of continuing education training at conferences or meetings provided or approved by CTAS and whose completion of such training has been verified by CTAS shall be paid the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) out of county funds appropriated for that purpose.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

ADOPTED this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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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

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsor: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Withdrawn by Sponsor

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

Old Business
Item 2
Resolution No. 2024-11-14

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

~~A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER OF INTENT SIGN A NEW CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY EXPRESSING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S INTEREST IN EXTENDING FOR 30 YEARS THE COUNTY'S EASEMENT FROM TVA OF TVA-OWNED LAND KNOWN AND OPERATED FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS AS OBSERVATION KNOB PARK.~~

WHEREAS, Sullivan County's 50-year contract with the federal government for an easement on land owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority on South Holston Lake and operated by the county as Observation Knob Park will expire in July 2025; and

WHEREAS, Observation Knob Park's operating season begins months earlier than July 2025; and

WHEREAS, TVA representatives have expressed to park management that the federal agency desires to know as soon as possible if Sullivan County intends to extend its easement, in order to allow the agency to seek an alternative tenant(s) if the County does not intend to do so; and

WHEREAS, Observation Knob Park is in compliance with TVA's operations guidelines; and

WHEREAS, TVA's annual inspection of the park will be in early 2025 prior to the opening date for the season and prior to the annual public lottery for seasonal campsites for the season; and

WHEREAS, park management and the County's Park Committee recommend acceptance of TVA's request to exclude the "421 Boat Ramp Area" – a free-to-the-public lake access area – from the existing and future county easement for the park, a change which will shift responsibility for repairs to a dock there from the county to TVA or TWRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission authorizes the County Mayor to initiate extension of the county's contract with TVA/The United States of America for an easement of TVA-owned land on South Holston Lake known and operated as Observation Knob, with the exception of the "421 Boat Ramp Area."

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission approves immediate exclusion of the "421 Boat Ramp Area" from the existing easement from the July 1975-July 2025 contract.

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.

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Item 2
Resolution No. 2024-11-14

ADOPTED this 21st day of November 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December, 2024, at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Item 2
Resolution No. 2024-11-14

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County Richard S. 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: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Sam Jones
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Archie Pierce; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Larry Crawford

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Commissioner Harvey submitted an amendment that states any newly drafted, updated, or extended contract related to the 30 year lease agreement with the TVA shall include language explicitly granting Sullivan County the right to terminate the agreement without penalty at 5 year intervals, based on an established five-year check-step by future generations of Sullivan County Commissioners. (Amendment in its entirety follows.) Sponsor stated he could not accept amendment because it changes the TVA agreement which is an agreement that is used in all of their areas of operation. Sponsor amended his resolution to strike the words "send a letter of

intent to the Tennessee Valley Authority expressing Sullivan County's interest in extending the" in the opening paragraph and replace it *with sign a new contract with the Tennessee Valley Authority extending for 30 years the county's easement from TVA of TVA-owned land known and operated for nearly 50 years as Observation Knob Park*. Commissioner Harvey then made a motion to put her amendment up for a vote. 2nd by Commissioner Glover. Commissioner Ireson proposed an amendment to Commissioner Harvey's amendment to place a period after the word penalty in the 4th line of her amendment and drop the remainder of it so it doesn't lock the county in to 5 year cycles. Commissioner Harvey stated she would accept the amendment to her amendment if the words "at any time for any or no reason" were added after the word penalty. Commissioner Ireson agreed. Vote was taken and approved 16 Yes, 5 No, 3 Absent.

To amend Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-11-14

new to sign a new contract The Tennessee Valley Authority to

to replace: ~~to~~ send a letter of intent to The Tennessee Valley Authority expressing Sullivan County interest in extending ~~the~~

Samuel Jones
Sponsor

Amendment to Resolution #2 on December 19, 2024

Any newly drafted, updated or extended contract related to the 30-year lease Agreement with the Tennessee Valley Authority shall include

language explicitly granting Sullivan County the right to terminate the

Agreement, without penalty, ^{at any time for any or no} ~~at 5-year intervals,~~ based on an ~~TCR~~ ^{TCR}

established five-year check-step by future generations of Sullivan

County Commissioners. This required check-step will provide future

Sullivan County Commissioners the opportunity to review, assess and

vote on the feasibility of the County continuing to operate and fund

(with taxpayer dollars) Observation Knob Park. The check-step and

corresponding provision to opt-out of the TVA lease without penalty,

ensures that future elected Commissioners can evaluate the ongoing

viability of Observation Knob Park, based on the current economic and

operational conditions at that time, as well as the County's outstanding

obligations and financial priorities at that respective time in the future.

Amendment by: Comm. Cheryl Harsney

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

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ABSENT

16
YES

5
NO

ABSTAIN

PASS

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 19 2024

12/19/2024

31 Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-11-14 Sponsors: Jones/Calton
Vote

Description

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY EXPRESSING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S INTEREST IN EXTENDING FOR 30 YEARS THE COUNTY'S EASEMENT FROM TVA OF TVA-OWNED LAND KNOWN AND OPERATED FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS AS OBSERVATION KNOB PARK.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:22:08 PM
Voting stop time 7:22:38 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result	21	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()				X
Pierce, Archie ()				X
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()				X
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

WITHDRAWN

*Sullivan County
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Item 3
Resolution No. to be assigned.

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

~~A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, ACCEPTANCE OF, AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY.~~

~~WHEREAS~~ the proper management of solid waste is vital to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Sullivan County; and

~~WHEREAS~~ Sullivan County recognizes the importance of modernizing waste management infrastructure to improve environmental sustainability, reduce landfill use, and increase the recovery and recycling of materials; and

~~WHEREAS~~ the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers funding opportunities to assist local governments in improving waste management systems and promoting environmental stewardship; and

~~WHEREAS~~ Sullivan County has identified the need for a materials recovery facility to enhance recycling efforts, reduce environmental impact, and generate economic benefits for the community; and

~~WHEREAS~~ the Sullivan County Commission supports efforts to secure funding for this project, including through applications to the EPA and other federal or state funding sources.

~~NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED~~ by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, that the County Mayor, or their designee, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit an application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for funding to support improvements to the county's waste management systems, including the construction of a materials recovery facility; and

~~FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED~~ upon approval of the application and receipt of grant funding, the County Mayor is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents required to accept and administer the funds in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations; and

~~FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED~~ any awarded funds from the EPA for the designated purposes, including costs associated with the design, construction, and implementation of a materials recovery facility and other related improvements shall be appropriated forthwith, accounts and codes designated by the Finance Department; and the County Mayor shall ensure compliance with

all reporting requirements and provide updates to the County Commission regarding the progress of the project and the use of funds.

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This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded as far as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

— John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____

— Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor Richard S. Venable

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Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor Richard S. Venable

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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: _____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Jessica Means; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Mark Ireson

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Item 3
Resolution No. 2024-12-02

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

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT WITH AXON TO PROVIDE BODY CAMERAS, DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLIMENTATION AND TRAINING.

WHEREAS the Use of Law Enforcement Body Cameras started in 2005, were used by nearly one third (1/3) of local law enforcement agencies by 2013, and by 2016, that number had grown to nearly fifty (50) percent; and

WHEREAS the use of law enforcement body cameras has been proven to improve officer safety, increase evidence quality, reduce civilian complaints, reduce agency liability, and improve public trust; and

WHEREAS AXON cameras on officers' vests and tasers will help to de-escalate critical situations quickly and safely, gain operational efficiency and save resources, and maintain transparency internally and externally; and

WHEREAS the use of law enforcement body and taser cameras will decrease litigation liability for Sullivan County and individual officers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into a five (5) years agreement with AXON for its Axon Core Plus program at a cost of \$736,241.62. Account codes to be added by the Finance Department, the payment structure as follows:

Year 1 = \$147,248.32
Year 2 = \$147,248.32
Year 3 = \$147,248.32
Year 4 = \$147,248.32
Year 5 = \$147,248.32

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

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

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

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Item 3
Resolution No. 2024-12-02

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December, 2024 at or about the following time 9:30am by the following method: hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Item 3
Resolution No. 2024-12-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County Richard S. Venable
Mayor Richard S. Venable

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor Richard S. Venable

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsors: Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Archie Pierce; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Larry Crawford; Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Joe Carr; Commissioner Joseph McMurray; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Tony Leonard; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Andrew Cross; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite, everyone voting in the affirmative.

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Commissioner Slagle amended to add the words “first year of costs will come from ARPA funds.” Amendment was accepted by Sponsor. Approved as amended 21 Yes, 3 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 19 2024

12/19/2024

34 Item 3 Resolution No. 2024-12-02 Sponsors: Ireson/Ward
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT WITH AXON TO PROVIDE BODY CAMERAS, DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION AND TRAINING.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:30:50 PM
Voting stop time 7:31:26 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result	21	03

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()				X
Pierce, Archie ()				X
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()				X
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Item 4
Resolution No. 2024-12-03

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD ATLAS.

WHEREAS, annually the Sullivan County Highway Department reviews and updates a listing of County Roads as required by Tennessee law; and

WHEREAS, these revisions are necessary to bring the official Sullivan County Road Atlas up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, a summary of the revisions are attached hereto to be effective January 1, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners meeting in Regular Session that they hereby authorize the adoption of the Sullivan County Road Atlas as revised, effective January 1, 2025. The Sullivan County Road Atlas in its entirety is available in the Office of the Sullivan County Highway Department for review.

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 December 2024.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 4
Resolution No. 2024-12-03

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Wernalds
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__ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 5
Resolution No. 2024-12-04

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

RESOLUTION to approve the acceptance of the FY 25 Training Equipment Grant.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office has a need for updated/new equipment to aid in the training of correctional staff; and

WHEREAS, the FY 25 Training Equipment Grant amount is \$12,750 with no matching funds required to be used to procure, install, and utilize new training equipment that assists in the successful execution and facilitation of correctional staff training; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office to execute the FY 2025 Training Equipment Grant application in the amount of \$12,750 and approve the funds to be used as required for law enforcement purposes by the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office. Revenue, Expenditure, Object, and Program codes for the FY 25 Training Equipment Grant will be assigned by 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 December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Teresa Jacobs hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 5
Resolution No. 2024-12-04

ACTION BY MAYOR



Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by 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__ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Michael Cole
Co-Sponsor(s): Travis Ward

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 6
Resolution No. 2024-12-05

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

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF KINGSPORT TO ALLOW THE CITY TO LEASE AT ITS DISCRETION LARGELY UNUSED PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY AT 225 W CENTER ST (FORMERLY KINGSPORT'S CITY HALL) IN WHICH THE COUNTY HAS UNDIVIDED OWNERSHIP OF 16%.

WHEREAS the city and county jointly own a building at 225 W. Center St., in downtown Kingsport which is now largely vacant; and

WHEREAS the city has nonprofit organizations interested in leasing space within the building; and

WHEREAS the attached Interlocal Agreement, a tool outlined in state law, will allow the city to develop lease terms and select lessees it deems "suitable" and charge a "nominal" fee for rent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County meeting in regular session authorizes the County Mayor to sign the attached interlocal agreement between Sullivan County and the City of Kingsport.

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 December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: *John T. Gardner*
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 6
Resolution No. 2024-12-05

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard A. 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__ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hunter Locke
Cosponsors: Archie Pierce; John Gardner

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, to be effective as of the last date signed below, is made and entered into by and between **Sullivan County, Tennessee**, a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter referred to as "County") and the **City of Kingsport, Tennessee**, a municipal corporation of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter referred to as "City").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of April 1962 City executed a deed which conveyed a 16% undivided interest in the real property located at 225 West Center Street, Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee being more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL. NO. 1: BEGINNING at the intersection of the northwesterly sideline of Shelby Street with the southwesterly sideline of West Center Street; thence southwesterly with the northwesterly sideline of Shelby Street at right angles to the southwesterly sideline of West Center Street one hundred fifty (150) feet to a point; thence northwesterly at right angles to the Shelby Street right-of-way line and crossing Block 15, two hundred ninety-five (295) feet to a point in the southeasterly sideline of Clay Street, thence northeasterly at right angles and with the southeasterly sideline of Clay Street one hundred fifty (150) feet to its intersection with the southwesterly sideline of West Center Street; thence southeasterly at right angles to the right-of-way line of Clay Street and with the southwesterly sideline of West Center Street two hundred ninety-five (295) feet to the point of BEGINNING, and being part of Block 15, and containing one and two hundredths (1.02) acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, upon said property was constructed the City-County Administrative building (hereinafter "Building") which housed administrative offices of the City, the offices of the county clerk and county trustee, and which currently houses the law and chancery courts for City as well as offices for the circuit court clerk and clerk and master; and

WHEREAS, County was given control of those spaces occupied by the Deputy Trustee's Office and the Deputy County Court Clerk's offices and City was given control of the remainder of the building; and

WHEREAS, administrative offices for the City and offices for the county clerk and trustee have relocated to alternate sites, leaving only the law and chancery courts and offices of the law court clerk and clerk and master; and

WHEREAS, currently the building is largely unoccupied and City desires to have the building serve a greater public purpose through use of the unoccupied space; and

WHEREAS, certain not for profit entities have expressed an interest in leasing space in the building which will serve the public interest through use of the building for purposes that will benefit the public; and

WHEREAS, in light of the projected use of the building City anticipates leasing the space for a nominal fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and benefits to be derived by each party here from, the County and City agree as follows:

SECTION I

- A) This agreement is entered into pursuant to the Tennessee Interlocal Cooperation Act, Tennessee Code Annotated §12-9-101, et seq.
- B) The purpose of this agreement is to secure County's consent for City to lease the presently unoccupied space in the Building.
- C) Upon becoming effective, this agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the lease term of twelve months beginning on the execution of the lease and any subsequent renewals of the lease. This agreement shall terminate upon termination of the lease with the lessee(s)
- D) Pursuant to state law, including the Governmental Tort Liability Act, each party hereto will be responsible for its own acts. No provision of this Agreement shall act as or be deemed a waiver by any party of any immunity, its rights or privileges as a sovereign entity, or of any provision of the Tennessee Governmental Tort Liability Act, T.C.A. section 29- 20101- *et. seq.*
- E) Except as otherwise set forth herein, County and City shall be bound by all terms and conditions regarding maintenance, management, use, and control, as set forth in the Deed entered into on the 9th day of April, 1962, recorded at Deed Book 224A, Page No. 435

SECTION II COUNTY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- A) County hereby consents to lease of unoccupied space in the Building by City.
- B) County authorizes City to establish lease terms as deemed appropriate by the City, authorizes City to select lessees which City deems appropriate, and to enter into and administer lease agreements with lessee(s) on such terms and conditions as City deems appropriate to include authorization of sub-lease agreements that are contingent upon City approval.
- C) County acknowledges lessees will be not for profit corporations authorized to operate within the state of Tennessee and which are acknowledge as tax exempt pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 1, Subchapter F of the United States Code.
- D) County acknowledges space will be rented at a nominal rate and waives any right, claim, title, or interest in lease payments made to City.
- E) County agrees that should it require use of any space in the City-County Administrative Building it will provide written notice to City no less than 150 days prior to the date occupancy is required and will negotiate with City in good faith to determine County's need and mitigate impacts on lessees then occupying space within the building.

SECTION III CITY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- A) City shall establish lease terms as it deems appropriate and select lessees which it deems suitable.
- B) City shall require documentation of lessees not for profit and tax exempt status and demand other documentation as City deems necessary to ensure lessees operate for a public benefit.
- C) City shall administer all leases and ensure lessees comply with all applicable lease terms.
- D) City shall ensure leased spaces are kept clean and orderly, either through city staff or through requirements imposed upon lessees.
- E) City shall maintain the exterior areas of the property, common areas of the interior of the building, and maintain the mechanical systems of the building.

**SECTION IV
TERMINATION AND/OR EXPIRATION**

This Agreement will terminate upon the expiration of the term of the lease or upon termination of the lease agreement, whichever occurs first

**SECTION V
AMENDMENT**

No amendment to this Interlocal Agreement will be made except upon the written consent of the parties.

**SECTION VI
ENFORCEABILITY**

In the event that any provision or portion of this Interlocal Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, then such provision or portion thereof will be reformed in accordance with the applicable laws. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision or portion of any of this Interlocal Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision or portion of this Interlocal Agreement.

**SECTION VII
DISPUTE OR DISAGREEMENT**

Upon the occurrence of an alleged default, or a dispute or disagreement between the parties hereto arising out of or in connection with any term or provision of this Agreement or, the subject matter hereof, or the interpretation or enforcement hereof (the "Dispute"), the parties will engage in informal, good faith discussions and attempt to resolve the Dispute. In connection therewith, upon written notice of either party, each of the parties will appoint a designated officer whose task it will be to meet for the purpose of attempting to resolve such Dispute. The designated officers will meet as often as the parties deem to be reasonably necessary. Such officers will discuss the Dispute. If the parties are unable to resolve the Dispute in accordance with this paragraph, and in the event that either of the parties concludes in good faith that amicable resolution through continued negotiation with respect to the Dispute is not reasonably likely, then the parties may mutually agree to submit to nonbinding mediation. If the matter is not resolved by mediation either party will have the right, at its sole option, without further demand or notice, to take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to enforce its rights including, but not limited to, the suspension or termination of this agreement.

**SECTION VIII
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Agreement shall take effect upon execution by the authorized representative of each party after approval of the governing body of each party, and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated or expiration of the term.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their respective signatures by their authorized officers.

Sullivan County, Tennessee.

City of Kingsport, Tennessee

Richard Venable, Mayor

Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor

Date

Date

Attest:

Angela Marshall, Deputy City Recorder

Approved as to form:

Rodney B. Rowlett, III, City Attorney

:

*Sullivan County
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Item 7
Resolution No. 2024-12-06

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY (60) MONTH LEASE WITH CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE COPIERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has obtained three quotes from reputable vendors and Canon Solutions America, Inc provides the most economical choice; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to execute a sixty (60) month lease @ \$16.07 per month plus per copy costs with Canon Solutions America, Inc as recommended by the Sullivan County Board of Education.

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 December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: *John T. Gardner*
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: *Hand delivered*

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 7
Resolution No. 2024-12-06

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venohr
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__ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 19 2024

12/19/2024

38 Item 7 Resolution No. 2024-12-06 Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY (60) MONTH LEASE WITH CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE COPIERS.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:34:25 PM
Voting stop time 7:34:45 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result		21

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Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()				X
Pierce, Archie ()				X
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()				X
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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

Item 8
Resolution No. 2024-12-07

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

RESOLUTION to RECOGNIZE THE REMAINING APPROPRIATIONS RESULTING FROM A DONATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TURF FOR THE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL INFIELDS AT SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL IN A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET.

WHEREAS on February 15, 2024, the Sullivan County Commission approved at its regular session Resolution No. 2024-02-06 that placed the remaining funds from the one-time appropriation in a restricted account in the General Purpose School Budget; and

WHEREAS the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for this approved project was \$0; and

WHEREAS the restricted fund was not established; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation of funds resulting from the one-time appropriation to a restricted account within the General Purpose School Budget for the amount of funds remaining from the previously approved resolution totaling \$51,787.87. Said funds are to be distributed amongst the boys and girls programs.

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.

Waiver of Rules Requested

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: 
John A. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 8
Resolution No. 2024-12-07

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Item 8
Resolution No. 2024-12-07

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard J. 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__ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Mark Ireson

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

*Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 9
Resolution No. 2024-12-08

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.

WHEREAS on March 7, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$300,000.00 to cover the cost of an emergency alert system; and

WHEREAS the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for this approved project was \$142,891.40; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Purpose School Budget for the amount of funds remaining from the previously approved resolution totaling \$157,108.60 to be assigned to appropriate accounts by the Accounts and Budgets Office.

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.

Waiver of Rules Requested

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: *John T. Gardner*
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: *Hand delivered*

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 9
Resolution No. 2024-12-08

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Umahr

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__ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

*Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2024-12-09

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

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO THE STRUCTURAL REVIEW OF SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

WHEREAS on December 10, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to fund the structural review of Sullivan Middle School by Cain Rash West Architects; and,

WHEREAS the Board of Education approved a total expenditure from undesignated fund balance of up to \$14,800.00 for this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation of funds from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Purpose School Budget in the amount of up to \$14,800.00 for the structural review of Sullivan Middle School.

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.

Waiver of Rules Requested

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: *John T. Gardner*
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: *Hand delivered*

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

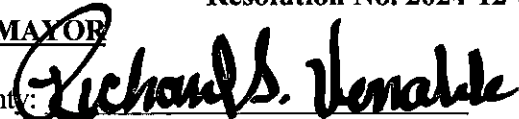
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Item 10

Resolution No. 2024-12-09

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__ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Mark Ireson

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

*Sullivan County
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2024-12-10

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING THE INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODEL GRANT PROJECTS AT SULLIVAN EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.

WHEREAS on March 18, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$550,000.00 to cover the additional costs associated with the building of a construction lab at West Ridge High School that were above the ISM Grant funds; and

WHEREAS the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for this approved project was \$483,850.00; and

WHEREAS on April 4, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$850,000.00 to cover the additional costs associated with the building of a 4-classroom addition at Sullivan East Middle School that were above the ISM Grant funds; and

WHEREAS the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for this approved project was \$60,000.00; and

WHEREAS it has been determined that there is \$61,079.50 of contingency funds within the West Ridge Construction Lab Project that will not be utilized; and

WHEREAS it has also been determined that the 4-classroom addition at East Middle School will require funding above the original approved amount; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Purpose School Budget for the amount of funds remaining from the previously approved resolutions totaling \$856,150.00 with \$5,070.50 to the West Ridge Construction Lab Project and \$851,079.50 to the East Middle 4-Classroom Addition to be assigned to appropriate accounts by the Accounts and Budgets Office.

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2024-12-10

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.

Waiver of Rules Requested

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: *John T. Gardner*
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 by the following method: *hand delivered*

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Item 11
Resolution No. 2024-12-10

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: *Richard S. Venaldu*
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____ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2024-12-11

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

RESOLUTION to APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING THE BOILER AT MILLER PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

WHEREAS on June 11, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$300,000.00 to cover the cost of replacing the boiler at Miller Perry Elementary School; and

WHEREAS the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for this approved project was \$0; and

WHEREAS a more cost-effective solution was identified, and the boiler could be repaired instead of replaced; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Purpose School Budget for the amount of funds remaining from the previously approved resolution totaling \$99,575.00 to cover the cost of repairs to the boiler to be assigned to appropriate accounts by the Accounts and Budgets Office.

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.

Waiver of Rules Requested

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: 
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2024-12-11

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Item 12
Resolution No. 2024-12-11

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County

Richard L. Donahue
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____ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Mark Ireson

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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

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

RESOLUTION to APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATIONS TO THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX.

WHEREAS on January 4, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$350,000 to design, purchase and install lighting for the Sullivan East High School baseball field; and,

WHEREAS on March 18, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$500,000 to design, purchase, and install lighting for the Sullivan East High School softball field and tennis courts, drainage work for the baseball field, and renovation for the football field press box; and

WHEREAS on April 4, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$250,000 to design, purchase, and install lighting for the Sullivan East High School Football field; and

WHEREAS on June 11, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$196,450 to cover the additional costs associated with the athletic lighting projects at Sullivan East High School; and

WHEREAS the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for these approved projects was \$60,000; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Purpose School Budget for the amount of funds remaining from the previously approved resolutions totalling \$1,236,450 to be assigned to appropriate accounts by the Accounts and Budgets Office.

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2024-12-12

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.

Waiver of Rules Requested

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: *John T. Gardner*
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: *Hand delivered*

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Item 13
Resolution No. 2024-12-12

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: *Richard S. 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__ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2024-12-13

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

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY IN THE 17TH CIVIL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County acquired real property through a delinquent property tax proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the property is \$ 12,351.77 for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$250.00 has been received from Dennis Ley on the parcel of land located in the 17th Civil District identified as 935 Hill Street Tax Map 020D Group K Parcel 032.00; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507 a legal notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in Sullivan County advising the public of such bid and potential sale of land; and

WHEREAS, during the ten-day period after publication, the Office of the County Mayor received no raised bids on such property; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Delinquent Tax Committee has reviewed the delinquency period, location, condition, and value of the property and took into consideration the bid placed upon the property; and the Committee has recommended that the County accept the bid.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the sale of property located in the 17th Civil District identified as 935 Hill Street Map 020D Group K Parcel 032.00 to Dennis Ley for \$250.00 for the parcel in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507.

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 December 2024.

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2024-12-13

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of
December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30am by the
following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Item 14
Resolution No. 2024-12-13

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Dematt
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__ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2024-12-14

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

RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PROVIDING SPECIALIZED TRAINING TO LOCAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIANS.

WHEREAS, said grant is funded with seventy-five (75%) or (\$18,000) being provided by TEMA and twenty-five (25%) or (\$4,500) being the local share which shall be funded through **in-kind** labor with no new money being requested.

WHEREAS, the cities of Bristol and Kingsport hazardous materials teams provide the necessary response to Sullivan County in the rural areas for any and all hazardous materials responses,

WHEREAS, the participants within the class are paid employees of the cities of Kingsport and Bristol Fire Departments and their salaries can be used to meet the in-kind requirement of the grant contract.

WHEREAS, Local Hazardous Materials response teams are primarily trained with local personnel but are also required to participate in additional training to receive the certification of Hazardous Materials Specialist and this class will provide the outside instructors to teach the required class.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on the 19th day of December, 2024 hereby approve accepting a grant up to the amount of \$18,000.00 available through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security to be used for providing specialized training to local hazardous materials technicians. Account Codes to be assigned by the Director of Accounts and Budgets.

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

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: 
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2024-12-14

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Item 15
Resolution No. 2024-12-14

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County Richard S. Small
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___ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover, Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 19 2024

12/19/2024

46 Item 15 Resolution No. 2024-12-14 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PROVIDING SPECIALIZED TRAINING TO LOCAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIANS.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:36:33 PM
Voting stop time 7:36:46 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result	21	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()				X
Pierce, Archie ()				X
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()				X
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2024-12-15

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

RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT / TRAINING.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has received grant funds in an amount up to \$73,269.00 available through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security for the purchase of equipment / training; and

WHEREAS, said grant is funded one hundred percent (100%) thereby requiring no matching funds by Sullivan County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on the 19th day of December 2024 hereby approve accepting a grant up to the amount of \$73,269.00 available through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security to be used for the purchase of equipment / training. Account Codes to be assigned by the Director of Accounts and Budgets.

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

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of December 2024 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2024-12-15

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__ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 12/19/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 19 2024

12/19/2024

47 Item 16 Resolution No. 2024-12-15 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover
Vote

Description RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT / TRAINING.

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:37:44 PM
Voting stop time 7:38:01 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result		21

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()				X
Pierce, Archie ()				X
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()				X
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

*Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2024-12-16

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

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NEW PASSENGER AIR SERVICE AT TRI-CITIES AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-11-03 authorizing the county to enter into an agreement with Bridge to incentivize new passenger service at Tri-Cities Airport; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Resolution No. 2024-11-03, “Bridge is a privately funded regional economic development organization”; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2024-11-03 designated up to \$10,000 a month, from Sullivan County Portion of the hotel/motel tax revenues over two years (a total of \$240,000) to assist the airport in funding revenue guarantees to incentivize new passenger service routes; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission hereby expresses their support for assisting the airport in funding revenue guarantees to incentivize new passenger service routes; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission directs that the \$10,000 a month from hotel/motel tax revenues over two years (a total of up to \$240,000) be held in trust in accounts appropriately determined by the office of the Sullivan County Department of Accounts and Budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission hereby recognizes the existence of other economic development organizations such as Sullivan County Networks; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission hereby acknowledges that a plan of action for funding by additional regional private and public organizations has not been presented or considered; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission hereby acknowledges that the airport’s campaign for air service expansion has not matured to a point of final consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County hereby directs that the funding designated in Resolution No. 2024-11-03 be held in trust by Sullivan County until such time as the funding is to be allocated to an organization that is to be determined by resolution duly adopted by vote of the Sullivan County Commission.

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

Duly passed and approved this ____ day of _____ 2024.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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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____ following at or about the following time _____ by the following method

Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Commissioner Matt Slagle
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey, Commissioner Hershel Glover**

ACTIONS: 1ST Reading

Commissioner Hunter Locke has stepped down from his position as Coroner.

Commissioner Glover made a motion to appoint William D. Hudson as Coroner.

2nd by Commissioner Akard and Commissioner Calton

Commissioner McMurray amended to make Mr. Hudson Interim Coroner. Accepted by Commissioner Glover.

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

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ABSENT

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YES

NO

ABSTAIN

PASS

Sullivan County



AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 8:23 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER AKARD TO MEET AGAIN IN WORK SESSION ON JANUARY 9, 2025.



JOHN GARDNER

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN