

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

0665

AUGUST 20, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 20, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS COMMISSIONER JOHN GARDNER, CHAIRMAN, AND TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by Commissioner John Gardner, Chairman. Sheriff Jeff Cassidy opened the commission, and Commissioner Harvey gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

DAVID AKARD	
DARLENE CALTON	MARK IRESON
MICHAEL COLE	DWIGHT KING
LARRY CRAWFORD	TONY LEONARD
ANDREW CROSS	MICHAEL HUNTER LOCKE
JOYCE CROSSWHITE	JOE MCMURRAY
JOHN GARDNER	JESSICA MEANS
HERSHEL GLOVER	ARCHIE PIERCE
CHERYL HARVEY	GARY STIDHAM
DAVID HAYES	ZANE VANOVER
BARRY HOPPER	TRAVIS WARD

21 PRESENT, 3 ABSENT

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: CARR, HORNE, JONES

NOTE: CARR IN AT 6:05 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. Cole to approve the minutes of the Rezoning Hearing/Work Session held on July 9, 2026, and the minutes of the Regular Session held on July 16, 2026, and the minutes of the Called Session on July 30, 2026. Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
August 20, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Chairman John Gardner presiding.
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Approval of Notaries Public
- ❖ Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: July 9, 2026, Rezoning Hearing; July 16, 2026, Monthly Meeting; and July 30, 2026, Special Called Meeting.
- ❖ Appointments, Presentations, and Recognitions.
 - 1) Appointment of Wayne Feathers to the Blountville Utility District Board of Directors.
 - 2) Appointment of appoint the following individuals to serve in the Office of Judicial Commissioner (Magistrate) for Sullivan County, terms to expire August 31, 2028:
BRISTOL COURTS:
Eric Senter of Bristol, Tennessee
Bruce Bullis of Blountville, Tennessee
KINGSPORT COURTS:
Lowell "Butch" Adkins of Kingsport, Tennessee
John Blessing of Kingsport, Tennessee
 - 3) Appointment of Zane Vanover to the Tri-Cities Airport Authority.
 - 4) Reappointments of Jeff Cassidy, Jim Bean and Darlene Calton to the Sullivan County Emergency Communications District Board.
 - 5) Presentation(s): Families Free; Sullivan County Anti-Drug Coalition; and Restoration Recovery. Agency representatives to provide update on their use of Opioid Abatement Funds.
 - 6) Proclamation Honoring Mayor Richard S. Venable.
 - 7) Proclamation Honoring Daniel P. Street.
 - 8) Proclamation Honoring Scottie Murray.
 - 9) Proclamation Honoring Jim Montgomery.
 - 10) Recognition of outgoing members of the Commission and presentation of thank you plaques.
- ❖ Public Hearing on agenda items.
- ❖ Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- ❖ Consent Agenda (4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17)
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

4 Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk
Roll Call

Description

Roll Call

0667

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time

6:02:14 PM

Voting stop time

6:03:14 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	3

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	
Hopper, Barry ()	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	
Stidham, Gary ()	X	
Vanover, Zane ()	X	
Ward, Travis ()	X	

SULLIVAN COUNTY CLERK
TERESA JACOBS COUNTY CLERK
3258 HIGHWAY 126 SUITE 101
BLOUNTVILLE TN 37617
Telephone 423-323-6428
Fax 423-279-2725

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Notaries to be elected August 20, 2026

AMBER A ALTIZER	CHRISTINE MORGAN
JESSICA ANDERSON	ROBIN RENEE MULLINS
REBECCA ARTRIP	LYNDSAY B. MUTTER
LAURI ASHLEY	SHERRI L MYERS
PATRICK C. BRIDWELL	TRACY YVONNE NOE
TERESA MAE BROWN	CHEYANNE NOWISKI
BOB BROWN	PAMELA OSBORNE
REBECCA LEANN BYRD	MUDRA PATEL
JERRY R CAMPBELL	BERT POWELL III
MELINDA HALL CASTLE	BRENDA L. RIFFLE
STACEY LYNN DORMAN	KIMBERLY RIGSBY
CHRISTOPHER ADAM DYE	D LEE ROBINETTE
AARON EBARB	WILLIAM JOSEPH ROBINETTE
TRINA ELLIS	JONATHAN D. RUSSELL
LISA G GUY-CASTLE	AMELIA CLAIRE RUST
MICHAEL D HAMLIN	WILLIAM S. RYBURN JR.
APRIL HARR	TIFFANY LYNN RYNES-FOX
KIMBERLY ANN HART	WENDY ANNE SAULS
JOSHUA AARON HAYES	HILLARY RUTH SMITH
IAN HENNESSY	REBECCA A SMITH
JANET GAIL HERNANDEZ	GREGORY A. TAYLOR
JENNIFER HUFFMAN	ANGELA TAYLOR
WRENDAL HULL	SHELBY H. TOMLINSON
AMBER HURD	TINA TRIVETT
MARCUS AARON JESSEE	LAURA DOROTHY ANN VANCE
ANGELA L MARSHALL	THOMAS MATTHEW WARREN
CHRISTIAN SCOTT MASTERS	ROY DANIEL WAYE
KAYE CARROLL MATHESON	NATALIE J. WELLS
KIERSTEN ELIZABETH MAXWELL	JOANN WILLIAMS
ANDREW O. MEDUKAS	BRIAN WILLIAMS
MARY NEVILLE MITCHEM	KRISTEN WINEGAR
DEBBIE S. MONK	

PERSONAL SURETY

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. COLE AND SECONDED BY COMM. CROSS, THE NOTARY
APPLICATIONS HEREON WERE APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. 22 YES,
2 ABSENT

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

5 Approval of Notaries Public
Vote

0669

Description

Approval of Notaries Public

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:06:24 PM

Voting stop time 6:06:48 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	02

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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

6 Approval of Minutes
Vote

0670

Description

Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: July 9, 2026, Rezoning Hearing; July 16, 2026, Monthly Meeting; and July 30, 2026, Special Called Meeting.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time

6:07:31 PM

Voting stop time

6:11:06 PM

Voting configuration

Vote

Voting mode

Open

Motion to approve by Comm. Cole

Seconded by Comm. Stidham

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

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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session
Before the Mayor of Sullivan County, Tennessee

IN RE: Blountville Utility District
Sullivan County, Tennessee

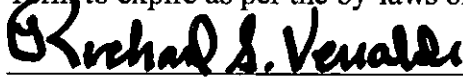
Order Appointing Utility District Commissioner

WHEREAS, the Blountville Utility District Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Sullivan County Mayor, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307, that a vacancy has occurred upon said utility board by virtue of the expiration of a term on September 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Blountville District Board of Commissioners further certifies that the nominee, Wayne Feathers, is qualified and has agreed to serve on the Board.

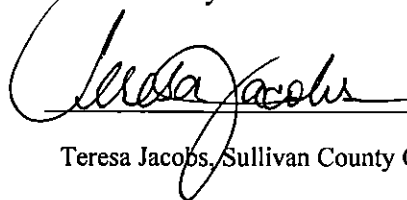
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307 that nominee, Wayne Feathers shall be appointed to the Blountville Utility District Board of Commissioners.

Term to expire as per the by-laws of the utility district.



Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 20th day of August 2026.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

08/20/26 Motion to appoint Mr. Wayne Feathers to the Blountville Utility District Board of Commissioners was made by Comm. Cole, seconded by Comm. Akard. Roll Call vote taken and approved. 22 Yes, 2 Absent

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Motion was made by Commissioner Cole to appoint Mr. Wayne Feathers to the
Blountville Utility District Board of Directors
Seconded by Commissioner Akard

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

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

Sullivan County***Board of County Commissioners******246th Annual Session***

IN RE: Sullivan County Emergency Communications District Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Reappointing Board Members

WHEREAS, in accordance with T.C.A. §7-86-105(b)(1), Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable and upon recommendation of the Sullivan County Emergency Communications Board hereby makes the following reappointments to the Sullivan County Emergency Communications District Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT CONFIRMED by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners the following persons are reappointed to the Sullivan County Emergency Communications Board:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

Jim Bean

Term to expire: August 31, 2030

Jeff Cassidy

Term to expire: August 31, 2030

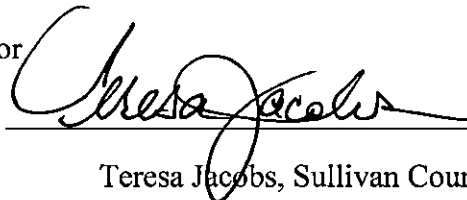
Darlene Calton

Term to expire: August 31, 2030

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 20th day of August 2026.



Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Motion to approve the above-named individuals to the Sullivan County Emergency Communications District Board was made by Comm. Cole, seconded by Comm. Akard. Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent

ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole to reappoint Jeff Cassidy, Jim Bean, and Darlene Calton to the Sullivan County Emergency Comm. District Board
Seconded by Commissioner Akard

0674

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

2

ABSENT

22

YES

NO

ABSTAIN

PASS

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246TH Annual Session

IN RE: *Appointment of Judicial Commissioners for Sullivan County*

WHEREAS, the office of Judicial Commissioner was created for Sullivan County pursuant to T.C.A. § 40-1-111; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of Resolution No. 2015-06-39 approved June 15, 2015, the County Legislative Body shall take into consideration the views, comments and suggestions of the General Sessions Judges of Sullivan County in making decisions relative to these appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor received recommendations that the following individuals retain their appointments as Judicial Commissioners serving the General Sessions Courts of Sullivan County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners appoint the following individuals to serve in the Office of Judicial Commissioner (Magistrate) for Sullivan County:

BRISTOL COURTS:

Eric Senter of Bristol, Tennessee
Bruce Bullis of Blountville, Tennessee

KINGSPORT COURTS:

Lowell "Butch" Adkins of Kingsport, Tennessee
John Blessing of Kingsport, Tennessee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the above name individuals will hold a two-year term as Judicial Commissioner.

Appointments to expire August 31, 2028 or until a new appointment is confirmed by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners.

Approved: _____



Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 20th day of August, 2026.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

08/20/26 Motion to approve the above named individuals as Judicial Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tn was made by Comm. Akard, seconded by Comm. Calton. Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY GENERAL SESSIONS COURT

DIVISION IV

DOUG VANCE, JR.
Judge801 Anderson Street
Bristol, Tennessee 37620Phone: 423-990-4202
Fax: 423-989-4367

July 24, 2026

Honorable Richard Venable
Sullivan County Mayor
1651 Blountville Blvd.
Blountville, Tennessee 37617

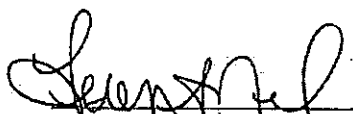
Re: Judicial Commissioners (Magistrates) for Sullivan County

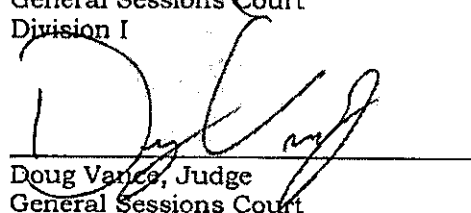
Dear Mayor Venable:

The current two year term for Commissioners Eric Senter and Bruce Bullis serving General Sessions Court Division I and IV will expire on August 31, 2026.

This letter is to advise you that we wish to retain both Eric Senter and Bruce Bullis as our Judicial Commissioners (Magistrates) for another two-year term. These gentlemen have served our County with excellence, integrity and dedication.

Very truly yours,



Teresa A. Nelson, Judge
General Sessions Court
Division I

Doug Vance, Judge
General Sessions Court
Division IV

SULLIVAN COUNTY GENERAL SESSIONS COURT

DIVISION III

RAY CONKIN
Judge200 Shelby Street
Kingsport, Tennessee 37660Phone: 423-224-1705
Fax: 423-224-1773

August 10, 2026

Hon. Richard Venable
Sullivan County Mayor
3411 Highway 126, Ste. 206
Blountville, TN 37617

Dear Mayor Venable:

This letter will confirm our request that the current Judicial Magistrates who serve the Kingsport General Sessions Courts (John Blessing and Butch Adkins) be reappointed to serve another term in those positions. Feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Judge Ray Conkin, written in dark ink, is positioned above a horizontal line.
Judge Ray ConkinA handwritten signature of Judge Mark Toohey, written in dark ink, is positioned above a horizontal line.
Judge Mark Toohey

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

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7 Appointments

0678

Description

Appointment of Wayne Feathers to the Blountville Utility District Board of Directors.

Appointment of appoint the following individuals to serve in the Office of Judicial Commissioner (Magistrate) for Sullivan County, terms to expire August 31, 2028:

BRISTOL COURTS:

Eric Senter of Bristol, Tennessee

Bruce Bullis of Blountville, Tennessee

KINGSPORT COURTS:

Lowell "Butch" Adkins of Kingsport, Tennessee

John Blessing of Kingsport, Tennessee

Appointment of Zane Vanover to the Tri-Cities Airport Authority.

Reappointments to Sullivan County Emergency Communications District Board

Jeff Cassidy, Jim Bean, Darlene Calton

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:12:38 PM
Voting stop time 6:14:07 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

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			

Agenda subject voting report

0679

8/20/2026

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()	X			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

Sullivan County*Office of the County Mayor***Richard S. Venable**
County Mayor

August 17, 2026

Mr. Gene Cossey
Tri-Cities Airport Authority
2525 Highway 75
Blountville, TN 37617

Dear Mr. Cossey:

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated and the authority vested in me as Mayor of Sullivan County; I hereby appoint Commissioner Zane Vanover to the Tri-Cities Airport Authority to serve the term allocated to the mayor's appointment authority.

Please enter this appointment into the official records of the Authority and proceed as required by law.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard S. Venable'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard S. Venable
Mayor, Sullivan County

cc:
Governor Bill Lee
Speaker Cameron Sexton
Commissioner Zane Vanover
Senator Bobby Harshbarger

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

Appointment of Zane Vanover to Tri Cities Airport Authority
Vote

0681

Description

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:14:52 PM

Voting stop time 6:15:27 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Motion to approve by Comm. Akard
Seconded by Comm. Crosswhite

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

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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

ABOUT FAMILIES FREE

RESTORING LIVES. REBUILDING FAMILIES. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES.

For nearly two decades, Families Free has been committed to helping individuals and families overcome substance use disorders, mental health challenges, and the lasting effects of trauma. As a Tennessee-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we believe that lasting recovery happens when people are surrounded by compassionate support, evidence-based care, and a community that refuses to give up on them.

Our mission is to strengthen our community through intervention, restoration, and healing relationships; and create healthier communities throughout Northeast Tennessee.

WHAT WE DO:

Families Free offers a continuum of care designed to meet individuals where they are and walk alongside them through every stage of recovery.

Our services include:

- Outpatient substance use and mental health treatment
- Housing for women and children
- Residential recovery program for both men and women
- Case management and care coordination
- Parenting education and family reunification support
- Transportation assistance and barrier reduction
- Community outreach and prevention education

OUR IMPACT:

Each year, Families Free serves more than **1,000 individuals** across Northeast Tennessee through evidence-based treatment, recovery support, housing, and family-centered services.

Our work reaches hundreds more through prevention, education, recovery court partnerships, detention center programming, and community outreach.

Together with our partners, we are:

- Restoring families affected by addiction
- Helping parents regain custody of their children
- Supporting healthy pregnancies and reducing substance-exposed births
- Providing safe, stable housing for women and families
- Reducing recidivism through recovery-focused justice initiatives
- Connecting individuals with employment, healthcare, and long-term recovery supports

Every success story represents more than one transformed life—it represents healthier children, stronger families, safer communities, and renewed hope for future generations.



WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Community partnerships make this work possible.

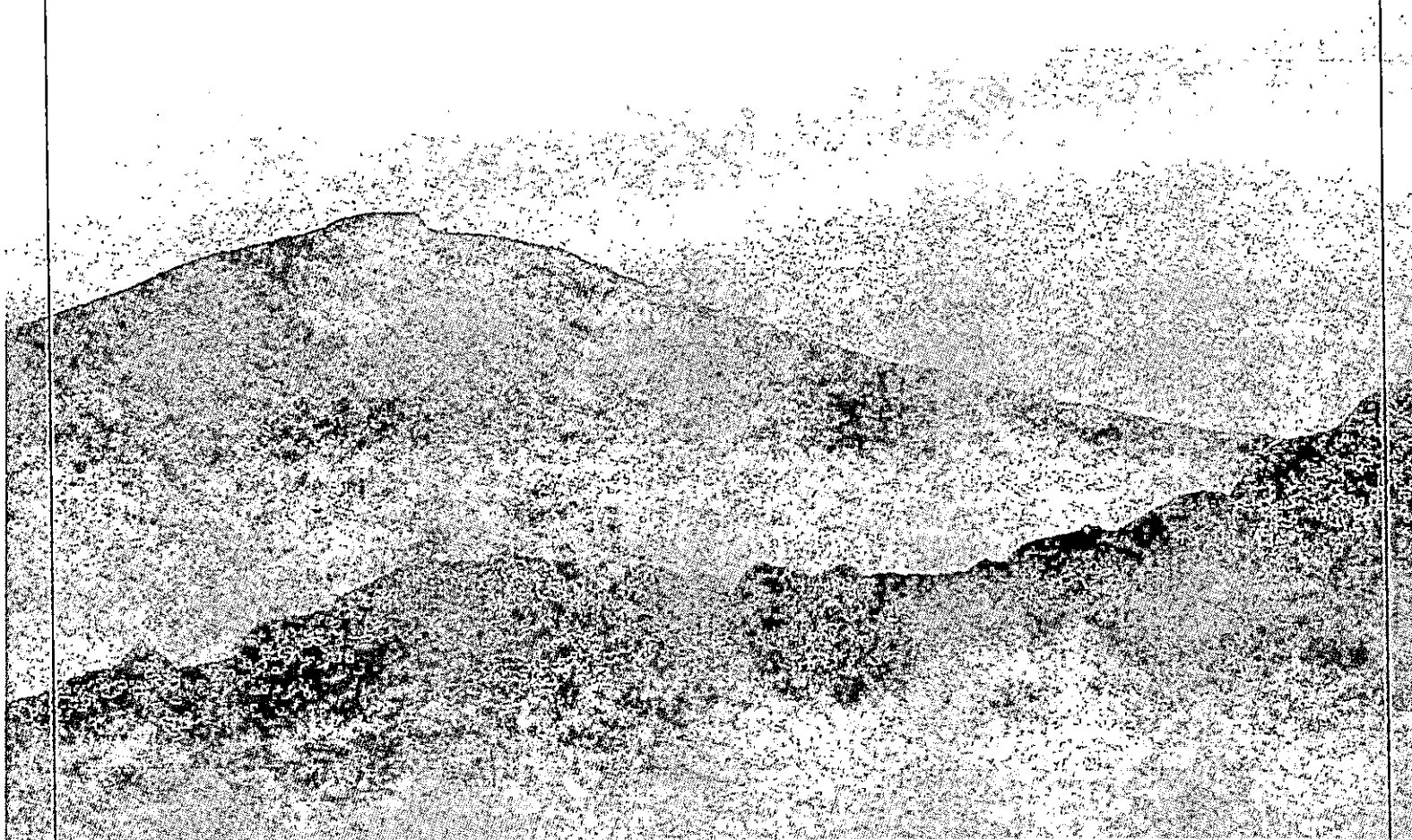
Corporate sponsors and community partners help us provide critical resources that extend beyond treatment—including housing assistance, transportation, recovery programming, family engagement opportunities, educational events, and community outreach initiatives.

Your investment directly supports opportunities for individuals to build healthier, more stable, and productive lives while creating stronger communities across Northeast Tennessee.

Together, we are not simply helping people recover—we are helping families heal.

Why Organizations Partner with Families Free:

- ✓ Tennessee 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- ✓ Serving Northeast Tennessee since 2007
- ✓ Annual independent third-party financial audit
- ✓ Committed to transparency, accountability, and regulatory compliance
- ✓ Trusted by the State of Tennessee, local governments, foundations, businesses, and community partners



PROCLAMATION
IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
RICHARD S. VENABLE

0684

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Mayor Richard S. Venable has been an important and respected presence in Sullivan County for decades, including sixteen years of distinguished service as County Mayor, an illustrious chapter in a broader public service career that will, regretfully, conclude on August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in serving the people of Sullivan County with the highest degree of integrity, dedication, and professionalism, Mayor Venable has consistently embraced the mantle of civic responsibility and public stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Venable is a generous and compassionate member of the community who has made significant contributions to numerous civic, religious, and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Venable leaves a legacy of trust and cooperation among the citizens of Sullivan County that transcends geographically, political, and social boundaries, and he will long be remembered as an advocate for responsive government and the interests of working people; and

WHEREAS, Richard S. Venable has been a steadfast and influential leader among the decision-makers of our time, a gentleman whose talent, wisdom, and energy will seldom be equaled, and whose presence in public service will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the friends, colleagues, and citizens of Sullivan County honor this outstanding public servant and recognize his many accomplishments and contributions to our county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, consisting of the twenty-four members serving during the 2022-2026 term of office, hereby expresses its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Mayor Richard S. Venable for his countless services to our citizens and communities, and honors him for his distinguished career in public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends to Mayor Venable and his family its sincere best wishes for continued success, happiness, and fulfillment in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that August 28, 2026, shall be known and celebrated throughout Sullivan County as "Richard S. Venable Day," and all citizens are encouraged to join in recognizing and celebrating his exceptional legacy of service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of
Sullivan County, Tennessee to be affixed
in Blountville on this 20th day of August
2026.

Zane Vanover Sullivan County Mayor-Elect

PROCLAMATION
HONORING AND RECOGNIZING
DANIEL P. STREET
FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

0685

WHEREAS, Daniel P. Street has served with distinction as the County Attorney for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for thirty-two years, earning the trust and overwhelming support of the citizens of Sullivan County through repeated elections; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Mr. Street has provided exceptional legal counsel, guided Sullivan County through complex legal matters, and safeguarded the public interest with unwavering integrity, professionalism, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, his steadfast commitment to the rule of law and his support of county government operations have profoundly benefited the citizens of Sullivan County and strengthened the effective administration of local government; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Street is deserving of special recognition for his tireless work ethic, sound judgment, wise counsel, and enduring commitment to justice, all of which have set a standard of excellence in public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, hereby honors and recognizes Daniel P. Street for his outstanding service, dedication, and contributions to the citizens and communities of Sullivan County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this County Commission, which Mr. Street has so faithfully and skillfully advised through eight four-year terms, extends its sincere gratitude and best wishes to him and his family for continued happiness, success, and fulfillment in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED, that August 21, 2026, shall be observed and celebrated throughout Sullivan County as "Daniel P. Street Day" in recognition of his exemplary public service and lasting legacy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of
Sullivan County, Tennessee to be affixed
in Blountville on this 20th day of August
2026.

Zane Vanover Sullivan County Mayor-Elect

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING AND RECOGNIZING
SCOTT "SCOTTIE" MURRAY**

0686

WHEREAS, Scott "Scottie" Murray has served the residents of Sullivan County with distinction, integrity, and unwavering dedication through more than forty-five years of exemplary service with the Sullivan County Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Scottie has worked tirelessly through challenging weather conditions, maintenance operations, and infrastructure demands to help ensure the safety, accessibility, and connectivity of Sullivan County's roadways and communities; and

WHEREAS, since assuming the role of Highway Commissioner in 2018, Scottie has led continuous improvements in the Highway Department's delivery of public services, emphasizing road improvements, paving projects, and prompt responses to hazardous weather events and the removal of dangerous debris; and

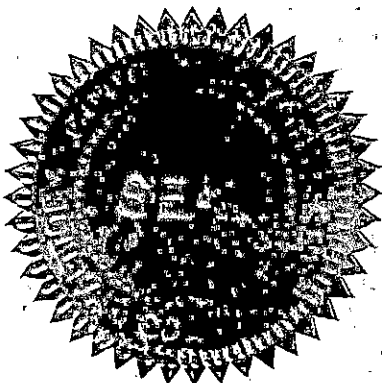
WHEREAS, Scottie's cooperative spirit and commitment to partnership have strengthened the Highway Department's collaborative efforts with local governments, agencies, and county departments, resulting in numerous successful projects that have benefited the citizens of Sullivan County; and

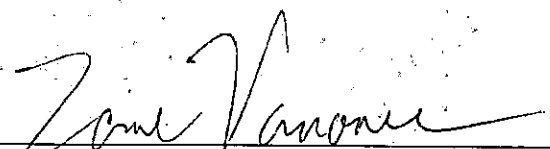
WHEREAS, Scottie has been a valued member of the Sullivan County Financial Management Committee, contributing his knowledge, experience, and sound judgment to the county's financial stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Scottie's steadfast work ethic, positive attitude, and professional expertise have earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues, public officials, and citizens alike, leaving a lasting and positive impact on Sullivan County and all those fortunate enough to have worked with him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim August 31, 2026, as "Scott 'Scottie' Murray Day" and, on behalf of the citizens of Sullivan County, expresses its deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation for his remarkable career of public service, leadership, and dedication to the people of Sullivan County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Sullivan County, Tennessee to be affixed in Blountville on this 20th day of August 2026.




Zane Vanover Sullivan County Mayor-Elect

0687

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING AND RECOGNIZING
JAMES "JIM" MONTGOMERY**

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Montgomery has served the residents of Sullivan County with distinction, integrity, and unwavering dedication through more than forty-six years of exemplary service with the Sullivan County Highway Department; and

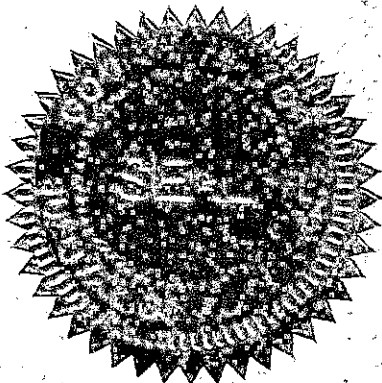
WHEREAS, since beginning his career on January 2, 1980, Jim has worked tirelessly through challenging weather conditions, maintenance operations, and infrastructure demands to help ensure the safety, accessibility, and connectivity of Sullivan County's roadways and communities; and

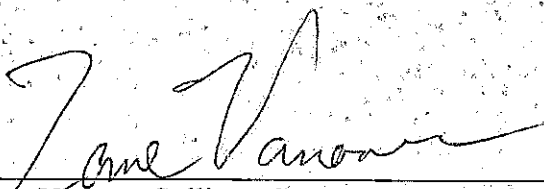
WHEREAS, Jim's steadfast work ethic, positive attitude, and professional expertise have earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens he has faithfully served, leaving a lasting and positive impact on Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to public service has exemplified the highest standards of dedication and professionalism and has contributed significantly to the quality of life enjoyed by the residents of Sullivan County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim August 31, 2026, as "James 'Jim' Montgomery Day" and, on behalf of the citizens of Sullivan County, expresses its deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation for his remarkable career of public service and dedication to the people of this county.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Sullivan County, Tennessee to be affixed in Blountville on this 20th day of August 2026.




Zane Vanover Sullivan County Mayor-Elect

Agenda

GARY STEPHAN

Item

✓ Kaitlin Tolbert	SCAD
✓ Craig Forrester	Sullivan Co Recovery Restoration
✓ Pam Helbert	SEHRA
✓ Allison Cothey	Flock Cameras
✓ Mack Bland	Ralph Bizar Traditional
Victoria M. Hunt	Musica Association

Name & Address?

Non Agendas

Kristh Burke 1135 P.H Loop chucky
JAY BACDAR 499 CAKESHORE RD BUCKINGHAM

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

12 Consent Agenda

0690

Description

Consent Agenda (4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31)

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time

7:38:58 PM

Voting stop time

7:39:19 PM

Voting configuration

Vote

Voting mode

Open

Motion to approve by Comm. Akard

Seconded by Comm. Calton

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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

CONSENT AGENDA**August 20, 2026**

Item 4 Resolution No. 2026-08-02 (On Consent)

Sponsors: Locke/Calton

RESOLUTION TO GIVE AND TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS TEMPLE STAR SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD TO SULLIVAN WEST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Item 5 Resolution No. 2026-08-03 (On Consent)

Sponsors: Carr/Stidham

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN SULLIVAN COUNTY CENSUS TRACTS FOR CONSIDERATION AS OPPORTUNITY ZONE 2.0 DESIGNATIONS.

Item 6 Resolution No. 2026-08-04 (On Consent)

Sponsors: King/Calton

A RESOLUTION REGARDING CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO BE EXCLUDED FROM COUNTY BIDDING AT DELINQUENT TAX SALE.

Item 7 Resolution No. 2026-08-05 (On Consent)

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Cole

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SULLIVAN COUNTY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE MUSEUM CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS GRANT PROGRAM FOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AT THE HISTORIC DEERY INN.

Item 8 Resolution No. 2026-08-06 (On Consent)

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Cole

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY (60) MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RJ YOUNG OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE, FOR COPIER NEEDS FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-08-08 (On Consent)

Sponsors: Carr/Locke

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SULLIVAN COUNTY TO APPLY FOR UP TO \$1,100,000 THROUGH A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT TO FUND ACQUISITION OF ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE INVESTIGATIVE CAPABILITIES, CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, AND THE SAFETY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGHOUT SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-08-11 (On Consent)

Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF HEALTHY START HOME VISITING PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.

CONTINUED

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-08-13 (On Consent)

Sponsors: Pierce/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF \$175,000 OF AVAILABLE OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ANTI-DRUG COALITION TO HELP COVER THE NON-PROFIT AGENCY'S 2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET.

Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-08-14 (On Consent)

Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF \$151,925 OF AVAILABLE OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDS TO SULLIVAN COUNTY RECOVERY RESTORATION TO HELP FUND THE NON-PROFIT'S CONTINUED SERVICE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ITS COURT-SANCTIONED PROGRAMS FOR OFFENDORS SEEKING HELP IN RECOVERY.

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-08-15 (On Consent)

Sponsors: Calton/Pierce

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF \$86,662 OF AVAILABLE OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDS TO FAMILIES FREE, INC., TO HELP FUND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY WOMEN'S RECOVERY HOME IN BLOUNTVILLE.

AGENDAOLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02

DEFERRED

Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR \$50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

Item 2 Resolution No. 2026-07-06

APPROVED

Sponsors: Crosswhite/King

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$100,000 OF SULLIVAN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES TO FUND NECESSARY REPAIRS TO VITAL, COUNTY-OWNED HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND SITES IN HISTORIC BLOUNTVILLE.

Item 3 Resolution No. 2026-07-07

APPROVED

Sponsors: Harvey/Stidham

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION OF \$50,000 TO SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF NORTHEAST TENNESSEE TO HELP FUND THE AGENCY'S FOOD BACKPACK PROGRAM FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR TO PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS MEALS TO SULLIVAN COUNTY STUDENTS IN NEED OF FOOD AT HOME.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 4 Resolution No. 2026-08-02 (On Consent)

APPROVED

Sponsors: Locke/Calton

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- Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-08-07 (Waiver of Rules Requested) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Cole/Crosswhite
A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, STAFFING, AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE BLOUNTVILLE ATHLETIC FACILITIES.
- Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-08-08 (On Consent) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Carr/Locke
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- Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-08-09 **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover
RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF \$4,500 GRANT TO CREATE A "RESET ROOM" TO AID IN POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND STRESS REDUCTION FOR PARTICIPANTS OF COURT PROCEEDINGS.
- Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-08-10 (SPONSOR INTENDS TO WITHDRAW) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Stidham/Ireson
RESOLUTION TO GO ON RECORD SULLIVAN COUNTY INTENDS NOT TO RENEW ITS CONTRACT FOR TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTING THE USE OF VISUAL SURVEILLANCE DEVICES IN SULLIVAN COUNTY, PENDING DEVELOPMENT OF EITHER STATEWIDE OR LOCAL "GUARDRAILS" REGARDING PRIVACY CONCERNS.
- Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-08-11 (On Consent) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite
A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF HEALTHY START HOME VISITING PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.
- Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-08-12 (Waiver of Rules Requested) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey
RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AMENDMENT FOR ZAIDI PROPERTY PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE WILLEY BOOM REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

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Sponsors: Pierce/Vanover

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Item 18 Resolution No. 2026-08-16 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$30,000 IN TENNESSEE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (TYEP) GRANT FUNDS FROM VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Item 19 Resolution No. 2026-08-17 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$30,000 IN TENNESSEE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (TYEP) GRANT FUNDS FROM VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Item 20 Resolution No. 2026-08-18 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS' PARTICIPATION IN THE TENNESSEE YOUNG EMPLOYEE PROGRAM (TN YEP) AND THE RECEIPT OF REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING.

Item 21 Resolution No. 2026-08-19 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY (60) MONTH LEASE WITH CANON USA INC. FOR THE SCHOOL NUTRITION OFFICE COPIER.

Item 22 Resolution No. 2026-08-20 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR THE GEAR UP GRANT FROM EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY (ETSU) IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

- Item 23 Resolution No. 2026-08-21 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$24,000 IN STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA (SAEF) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE TEACHING AS A PROFESSION (TAP) PROGRAM.
- Item 24 Resolution No. 2026-08-22 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 (YEAR 3) DHS STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLCGP) FUNDS.
- Item 25 Resolution No. 2026-08-23 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023 DHS STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLCGP) FUNDS FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
- Item 26 Resolution No. 2026-08-24 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTION IN THE 2026-27 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET.
- Item 27 Resolution No. 2026-08-25 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM BALLAD HEALTH FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ADMINISTRATION, AND OPERATION OF THE BALLAD HEALTH ACADEMY BY SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS.
- Item 28 Resolution No. 2026-08-26 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2027 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.
- Item 29 Resolution No. 2026-08-27 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Locke/Cole
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2026-2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET WITH FUNDING FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT WAS APPROVED IN THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 13, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDING NEEDED TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE STATE APPROVED SRO POSITION AT THE WEST RIDGE ANNEX.
- Item 30 Resolution No. 2026-08-28 (ADDED TO CONSENT) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Locke/Cole
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2026-2027 SRO GRANT BUDGET TO INCREASE THE FUNDS FROM \$1,125,000 TO \$1,200,000 TO ADD THE STATE APPROVED OFFICER TO THE WEST RIDGE ANNEX AND APPROVE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO SIGN THE AMENDED STATE GRANT CONTRACT.

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Item 31 Resolution No. 2026-08-29 (ADDED TO CONSENT)

APPROVED

Sponsors: King/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2026 – 2027 GENERAL FUND RISK MANAGEMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$605,550 FOR A ONE-TIME TRANSFER OF FUNDING TO THE SELF-INSURANCE FUND.

Item 32 Resolution No. 2026-08-30

APPROVED

Sponsors: Glover/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR COUNTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM.

AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR FOR DISTRIBUTION 6/18/2026

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES+ FOR \$50,000 FOR THE DAY TO DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

WHEREAS, PETWORKS is dedicated to providing the best possible care to lost and homeless animals and strives to end animal suffering and animal overpopulation through progressive and proactive policies and programs, including adoption, rescue, spay/neuter, and responsible ownership education.

WHEREAS, PETWORKS currently provides animal control services to the City of Kingsport and accepts animals that are dropped off at the shelter from anywhere in the Sullivan County area.

WHEREAS, PETWORKS is providing care for animals that are seriously injured or seriously malnourished from Sullivan County cruelty cases. These animals require extensive veterinary care and long rehabilitation periods before they can put up for adoption or adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approves funding for the PETWORKS Animal Services in the amount of \$50,000. This amount is to be funded from the Fund Balance of the General Fund or other available funding.

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 adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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 ____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

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 Gary Stidham~~ Commissioner Joe Carr

Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 07/16/26; 07/16/26 (Regular Session) Deferred until August meeting by Sponsor; 08/13/26 (Work Session) Defer until September meeting by Sponsor; 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Sponsor deferred until September meeting and stated Comm. Joe Carr will be the sponsor of this resolution forthcoming as Comm. Stidham's term is ending 08/31/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 2
 Resolution No. 2026-07-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16th day of July 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$100,000 OF SULLIVAN COUNTY
 OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES TO FUND NECESSARY REPAIRS TO VITAL, COUNTY-
 OWNED HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND SITES IN HISTORIC BLOUNTVILLE**

WHEREAS professional assessment of key structures significant to the history of Sullivan County and located within historic Blountville have revealed immediate needed repairs to secure said historic structures for continued points of interest for visitors; and

WHEREAS the county has obtained estimates for the cost of the needed work; and

WHEREAS the needed work is an eligible use of revenue derived from the county's occupancy tax.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, approves appropriation of up to \$100,000 for the repair work listed below, said funds to come from revenue generated by the county's occupancy tax. Account 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 20th day of August 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

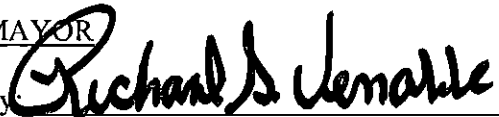
Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 24th day of August, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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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 Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsors: Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Mark Ireson;
Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner
Zane Vanover, everyone voting in the affirmative.ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on 1st Reading at Regular Session on 07/16/26;
07/16/26 (Regular Session) 1st Reading; 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on
08/20/26; 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

0702

17 Item 2 Resolution No. 2026-07-06 Sponsors: Crosswhite/King
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$100,000 OF SULLIVAN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES TO FUND NECESSARY REPAIRS TO VITAL, COUNTY-OWNED HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND SITES IN HISTORIC BLOUNTVILLE.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:46:08 PM
Voting stop time 7:46:21 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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Sullivan County – Blountville Historical Buildings

The list below is a combination of previously generated list (by others) and from Steve Wilson (Spoden & Wilson) and Lynn Stewart site visit of 8-17-2026

Deery Inn

1. Replace / repair / re-paint porch decking on left side (courthouse) of dining room. Also replace steps treads and risers to conform, to 1" nosing requirements: \$4,000.00
2. Repair brick patio - water damage to Deery Inn and Rutledge House. Systematically remove brick paver alongside each building end wall and re-portion "sponsor / donor" pavers in other free areas of the patio. Construct 4" concrete slab-on-grade adjacent to each building end wall – concrete to be f'c = 4,000 psi, air-entrained, colored and stamped: \$4,500.00
3. Cover openings of all chimneys – water issues – chimney caps: \$1,800.00 each x 3 = \$5,400.00
4. Replace damaged gutters with half-round period appropriate shapes (aluminum instead of galvanized): \$25,000.00
5. Replace east side dormers siding and trim: \$1,500.00
6. Re-paint / seal / clean kitchen wing roof: \$5,000.00
7. Repair siding and damaged window sills: \$1,500.00 sub-total: \$46,900.00

Rutledge House

1. Replace / repair siding and window sill on east side of building adjacent to 3389 Hwy 126: \$1,000.00
2. Purchase / install external light on back of Rutledge house: \$500.00
3. Repair patio - water damage to Old Deery Inn and Rutledge House – see item 2 under Deery inn above.
4. Insulate pipes to allow use of water in kitchen during winter (winterize). There is a chase access and crawl space access to the previous sand-bagging and to the pipes, but there may not be room for insulation – will require further reconnaissance. \$2,000.00
5. Paint Smithsonian gates – already painted.
6. Replace damaged gutters with half-round period appropriate shapes (aluminum instead of galvanized): \$15,000.00
7. Repair siding and damaged window sills: \$1,500.00 sub-total: \$20,000.00

Anderson Townhouse

1. Move one live streaming camera from front room to dining room
2. Connect all cameras to the county Internet, one to go active – not sure can happen with Sullivan County security protocols
3. Inspect AC system ducting - making corrections from prior damage from raccoons \$500.00
4. Bathroom remodel, including with weatherizing (12 months availability) – already remodeled
5. Remove paneling in dining room / sheetrock / finish

6. Replace gutters in back: \$5,000.00
7. Correct downspouts / drain to road – gutters still overflowing; remove some sidewalk brick and raise to flush with remaining sidewalks with 4" concrete slab-on-grade (f'c = 4,000 psi, air-entrained, colored and stamped), install trench drain on uphill east side of new concrete placement and pipe to gutter drain outfall pipe: \$5,000.00
8. Install AC on the second floor: \$26,500.00 (HVAC contractor quote)
9. Replace 49 year old roof – roof has been replaced sub-total: \$37,000.00

Old Sheriffs Home

1. Replace damaged gutters with half-round period appropriate shapes (aluminum instead of galvanized): \$18,000.00

Granny Cabin

1. Repair foundation - (groundhogs protection): \$1,000.00
2. Tie in logs to fireplace on right side of chimney (wall beginning to separate)
3. Cover opening - fireplace cap to keep birds out – water out \$500.00
4. Repair chinking / daubing: \$750.00 sub-total: \$2,250.00

Iron Works Cabin

1. Replace lower level logs – appears to be termite damage: \$2,000.00
2. Repair chinking / daubing as needed: \$1,200.00
3. Fix window with new frames (in cabin): \$750.00
4. Cover opening of fireplace with cap: \$500.00 sub-total: \$4,450.00

Law Office / school house

1. Replace or repair floor joist – stringers - re-nail floor: \$2,000.00
2. Scrape / paint building: \$2,500.00 sub-total: \$4,500.00

Slave laundry

1. Shore up brick wall - separating from sides: \$1,200.00
2. Chimney cap - open to allow fire – would require insurance review and chimney sweep inspection: \$1,500.00
3. Replace glass in window: \$250.00 sub-total: \$3,950.00

Slave life / skill display

1. Replace glass in window: sub-total: \$250.00

Springhouse

1. Shore up springhouse - prep for Blacksmith shop (set doors)
2. Level out 'ground' under shed on springhouse / add dirt
3. Remove groundhogs: allowance sub-total: \$1,500.00

Outside water

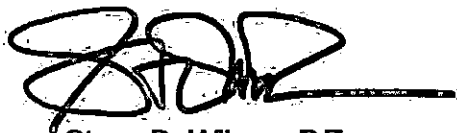
1. Fix / replace outside faucet under porch in Tavern: \$500.00
2. Fix / replace outside faucet on backside of law office / school house: \$500.00

Overall Preliminary Estimate:

Deery Inn	\$46,900.00	
Rutledge House	\$20,000.00	
Anderson Townhouse	\$37,000.00	
Old Sheriffs Home	\$18,000.00	– sub-total: \$121,900.00
Granny Cabin	\$2,250.00	
Iron Works Cabin	\$4,450.00	
Law Office / school house	\$4,500.00	
Slave laundry	\$3,950.00	
Slave life / skill display	\$250.00	
Springhouse	\$1,500.00	
Outside water	\$1,000.00	– sub-total: \$17,900.00
Total preliminary estimate:		\$139,800.00

Please note, the above numbers are preliminary and are based on historical data and/or recent contractor pricing numbers quoted to our office and/or to Sullivan County. The above numbers should only be relied upon for preliminary budgeting purposes and for prioritizing the work to be facilitated. Final numbers of the individual items and/or the full scope of work can only be determined upon actual receipt of bids for said work.

Preliminary Estimate and scope reconciliation compiled by:



Steve D. Wilson, P.E.

Spoden & Wilson

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Item 3
Resolution No. 2026-07-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16th day of July 2026.

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION OF \$50,000 TO SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF NORTHEAST TENNESSEE TO HELP FUND THE AGENCY'S FOOD BACKPACK PROGRAM FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR TO PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS MEALS TO SULLIVAN COUNTY STUDENTS IN NEED OF FOOD AT HOME

WHEREAS in Sullivan County, more than 26,000 County residents, including 6,400 children, experience food insecurity each year; and

WHEREAS that means that 1 in 5 children in Sullivan County are food insecure; and

WHEREAS through the Food For Kids Backpack Program, Second Harvest Food Bank works with Bristol City Schools, Kingsport City Schools, and Sullivan County Schools to ensure that children in their respective systems, who are identified as chronically hungry, have access to nutritious food outside of school hours; and

WHEREAS during the 2025-2026 school year, 1,395 Sullivan County children were served by Second Harvest Food Bank; and

WHEREAS it takes more than \$150,000 total to pay to serve the children covered by the Food For Kids program in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS a \$50,000 investment, as proposed, will provide a bag of food every two weeks to 454 Sullivan County children during the 2026-2027 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, approves a one-time contribution of \$50,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank for the agency's Food For Kids Backpack Program during the 2026-2027 school year by appropriation of that amount to the agency from the county's general 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 20th day of August 2026.

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 24th day of August, 2026 at or about the following time 4:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Venohle
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 Cheryl Harvey

Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Barry Hopper; Commissioner Darlene Calton.

ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on 1st Reading at Regular Session on 07/16/26; 07/16/26 (Regular Session) 1st Reading; 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 08/20/26; 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved 20 Yes, 2 No, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

18 Item 3 Resolution No. 2026-07-07 Sponsors: Harvey/Stidham
Vote

0708

Description

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION OF \$50,000 TO SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF NORTHEAST TENNESSEE TO HELP FUND THE AGENCY'S FOOD BACKPACK PROGRAM FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR TO PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS MEALS TO SULLIVAN COUNTY STUDENTS IN NEED OF FOOD AT HOME.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:48:22 PM
Voting stop time 7:48:43 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	20
Abstain	0
No	2
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	20	2	0
Total result			
	20	2	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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Item 4
Resolution No. 2026-08-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO GIVE AND TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS TEMPLE STAR SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD TO SULLIVAN WEST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan West Volunteer Fire Department seeks to build a new Training Center/Sub-Station in the Sullivan West/Sullivan Gardens area; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan West Volunteer Fire Department has determined that the property generally known as the old Temple Star School Baseball Field located in the 15th Civil District of Sullivan County, Tennessee, would be a good site for such development; and

WHEREAS, said old Temple Star School Baseball Field is identified as Tax Map 103, Parcel # 154.00, being a portion of the property described in Deed Book 502C at Page 241, of record in the Register's Office for Sullivan County at Blountville; and

WHEREAS, this Temple Star School Baseball Field is currently leased to East Tennessee Select Baseball pursuant to a lease dated September 30, 2008 which renews automatically annually; and

WHEREAS, East Tennessee Select Baseball has agreed to terminate such lease agreement immediately in order to enable the transfer of such property to Sullivan West Volunteer Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the termination of the current lease agreement with East Tennessee Select Baseball for the use of the old Temple Star Baseball Field; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Board of County Commissioners approves the immediate gift and transfer of real property generally known as the old Temple Star Baseball Field, and more specifically known as Tax Map 103, Parcel # 154.00, to the Sullivan West Volunteer Fire Department at an agreed upon price of \$0.00. The County Attorney shall prepare the Deed, and the Mayor shall execute it.

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

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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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 24th day of Aug, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30am by the following method: Hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Denoble
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 Hunter Locke

Cosponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton, everyone voting in the affirmative

ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 5
Resolution No. 2026-08-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN SULLIVAN COUNTY CENSUS TRACTS FOR CONSIDERATION AS OPPORTUNITY ZONE 2.0 DESIGNATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Opportunity Zone program was established to encourage long-term investment in economically distressed communities by providing incentives for investment in designated Opportunity Zones; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is preparing to submit recommended census tracts for consideration by the Governor's Office for designation under the Opportunity Zone 2.0 program; and

WHEREAS, the identification and designation of Opportunity Zones may provide an additional tool to encourage private investment, economic development, business growth, job creation, and community revitalization within eligible areas of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the recommended census tracts for Sullivan County were developed through coordination among staff of NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership, the City of Kingsport, and the City of Bristol, with consideration given to the economic development priorities and needs of the communities within Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners recognizes the potential economic development benefits associated with Opportunity Zone 2.0 designation and desires to formally express its support for the submission of the recommended census tracts for consideration by the Governor's Office; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners hereby supports and endorses the submission of the following census tracts located within Sullivan County, Tennessee, for consideration by the Governor's Office for designation as Opportunity Zones under the Opportunity Zone 2.0 program:

Census Tract 402 (GEOID 47163040200)
Census Tract 405 (GEOID 47163040500)
Census Tract 421 (GEOID 47163042100)
Census Tract 427 (GEOID 47163042703)
Census Tract 428 (GEOID 47163042802)
Census Tract 430 (GEOID 47163043000)
Census Tract 431 (GEOID 47163043100)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners supports the coordinated efforts of NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership, the City of Kingsport, and the City of Bristol in identifying and recommending census tracts for Opportunity Zone 2.0 consideration.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall serve as the formal expression of support of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners for the submission of the above-referenced census tracts for consideration by the Governor's Office and does not constitute a guarantee or assurance that any census tract will ultimately receive an Opportunity Zone 2.0 designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to communicate the County's support for the recommended census tracts and to provide a copy of this resolution to the appropriate state and local officials as may be necessary.

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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 20th day of Aug, 2026, at or about the following time 9:30 AM by the following method: Hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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 Joe Carr

Cosponsor: Commissioners Gary Stidham

ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 6
Resolution No. 2026-08-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

A RESOLUTION REGARDING CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO BE EXCLUDED FROM COUNTY BIDDING AT DELINQUENT TAX SALE.

Concerning the recommendation that Sullivan County refrain from bidding on the following properties offered for sale at a delinquent tax sale:

1. 1013 Tip Top Avenue (Fleenor, Brook) Tax Map 029L, Group E, Parcel 019.00
2. D Street (Harris, E B) Tax Map 061D, Group G, Parcel 030.10
3. 124 Hillcrest Street (Holt, Kenneth) Tax Map 111H, Group A, Parcel 001.5
4. McKee Road (Oliver Dorothy & Tammy) Tax Map 124P A 001.10

WHEREAS, the County Mayor, in consultation with the County Commission's Delinquent Tax Committee, has reviewed the above-referenced properties and determined that it is not in the best financial interest of Sullivan County to bid on said properties at the delinquent tax sale; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated costs, obligations, potential liabilities, environmental concerns, condition of the properties, marketability, or other factors may outweigh any anticipated economic benefit to the County from acquiring ownership of said properties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that authorizing the County to refrain from bidding on the above-referenced properties is in the best interest of the citizens and taxpayers of Sullivan County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes and approves the County's decision not to bid on the following properties at the delinquent tax sale:

- 1013 Tip Top Avenue, Tax Map 029L, Group E, Parcel 019.00;
- D Street, Tax Map 061D, Group G, Parcel 030.10; and
- 124 Hillcrest Street, Tax Map 111H, Group A, Parcel 001.50
- McKee Road, Tax Map 124P A 001.10

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. All resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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 24th day of Aug, 2026 at or about the following time: 9:30am by the following method: hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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 Dwight King
Cosponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 7
Resolution No. 2026-08-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SULLIVAN COUNTY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE MUSEUM CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS GRANT PROGRAM FOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AT THE HISTORIC DEERY INN.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State Museum Capital Maintenance and Improvements Grant Program provides funding to support the preservation, maintenance, and improvement of museums and historically significant facilities throughout the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County owns the Historic Deery Inn, an important historic landmark that serves as a valuable cultural, educational, and heritage resource for the citizens of Sullivan County and visitors to the region; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County desires to apply for grant funding in an amount of up to **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)** to complete eligible capital maintenance and preservation projects at the Historic Deery Inn; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State Museum Capital Maintenance and Improvements Grant Program requires **no local matching funds** and operates as a **non-reimbursable grant**, with grant funds being distributed directly to the recipient prior to the commencement of approved projects; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, all grant-funded projects must be completed no later than **June 30, 2027**, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Finance Department will establish all necessary accounting codes and financial procedures to ensure proper receipt, tracking, expenditure, and reporting of grant funds in accordance with applicable state and county financial requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, that:

1. The Sullivan County Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Tennessee State Museum Capital Maintenance and Improvements Grant Program requesting funding in an amount of up to **\$100,000.00** for eligible maintenance and preservation projects at the Historic Deery Inn.
2. Upon notification of an award, the Sullivan County Mayor is authorized to accept the grant and execute all documents necessary to carry out the grant in accordance with all applicable state requirements.
3. The sum of up to **\$100,000.00**, if awarded, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of completing approved maintenance and preservation projects at the Historic Deery Inn.
4. The Sullivan County Finance Department is authorized to establish all appropriate revenue and expenditure account codes necessary for the administration and accounting of the grant funds.
5. County officials and employees are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with the requirements of the Tennessee State Museum Capital Maintenance and Improvements Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it. All resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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 24th day of Aug, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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 Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Tony Leonard; Commissioner Dwight King.

ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 8
Resolution No. 2026-08-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY (60) MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RJ YOUNG OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE, FOR COPIER NEEDS FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office's current copier lease agreement with RJ Young will expire on September 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has met with representatives from multiple companies to review the current needs and issues facing the Sheriff's Office and Jail regarding copier equipment, leasing, and maintenance support options; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office currently has a lease agreement with RJ Young in the amount of **\$2,174 per month**, and the proposed new lease agreement with RJ Young will be **\$2,423.02 per month**; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new copier lease agreement with R.J. Young will provide the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and Jail with all new copier machines, as well as two additional machines at no additional cost, to assist with the areas experiencing the greatest demand, **Booking and Jail Medical**; 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 Purchasing Agent to execute a Sixty (60) month lease @ \$2,423.02 per month with RJ Young as recommended by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Administrative personnel.

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 20th day of August 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 8

Resolution No. 2026-08-06

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 24th day of Aug, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Andrew Cross.

**ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent**

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 9
Resolution No. 2026-08-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, STAFFING, AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE BLOUNTVILLE ATHLETIC FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has opened the Blountville Athletic Facilities to provide recreational opportunities and support organized athletics, community events, and public use; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget was developed before sufficient operational experience was available to accurately determine the staffing, maintenance, equipment, and financial needs of the facilities; and

WHEREAS, since opening, the County has identified additional operational needs, including appropriate staffing and a need to continually evaluate expenses and revenues as facility usage develops; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to separately account for all revenues and expenditures associated with the facilities and establish a collaborative process for evaluating future operational and financial needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, that:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION AND STAFFING.

The sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** is hereby appropriated from the County General Fund for the operation, maintenance, staffing, equipment, repair, and improvement of the Blountville Athletic Facilities.

The appropriation shall include funding for **one (1) full-time employee and one (1) seasonal employee** to assist with facility oversight, scheduling, events, maintenance, and other operational needs. Compensation, classification, duties, supervision, and hiring shall be administered in accordance with applicable Sullivan County policies and procedures.

SECTION 2. ACCOUNTING AND REVENUES.

The Finance Department shall establish separate revenue and expenditure account codes for the Blountville Athletic Facilities to independently track facility-related financial activity.

Revenues generated from rentals, reservations, concessions, events, fees, and other facility activities shall be **earmarked for the operation, staffing, maintenance, repair, equipment, and improvement of the athletic facilities**. Revenues exceeding current and reasonably anticipated facility needs may be transferred to the County General Fund in accordance with applicable County budgetary procedures and Commission authorization.

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SECTION 3. OPERATIONAL AND BUDGET REVIEW.

A subcommittee consisting of representatives from the **Maintenance Department, Purchasing Department, and Finance Department** shall periodically review facility operations, staffing, revenues, expenditures, maintenance, equipment, and other needs and make recommendations regarding future funding and operations.

The Commission recognizes that the needs of the newly operational facilities will continue to evolve. Actual operational experience shall therefore be considered in determining appropriate staffing and funding levels in future County budgets.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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 24th day of Aug, 2026 at or about the following time 4:30am by the following method Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Vinalde
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 Michael Cole

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite, everyone voting in the affirmative.

ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 08/20/26;

08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

24 Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-08-07 Sponsors: Cole/Crosswhite
Vote

0721

Description

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, STAFFING, AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE BLOUNTVILLE ATHLETIC FACILITIES.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:01:34 PM
Voting stop time 8:01:56 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
Total result		22

82

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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SULLIVAN COUNTY TO APPLY FOR UP TO \$1,100,000 THROUGH A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT TO FUND ACQUISITION OF ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE INVESTIGATIVE CAPABILITIES, CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, AND THE SAFETY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGHOUT SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has announced the availability of funding via a program to strengthen the capacity of state and local law enforcement agencies by providing funding for equipment, technology, and other resources that enhance public safety and criminal justice operations; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office seeks to apply for up to \$1,100,000 of this funding opportunity to acquire advanced technology and digital forensic resources that will improve investigative capabilities and enhance officer effectiveness in identifying, collecting, preserving, extracting, unlocking, analyzing, and managing digital evidence; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used to purchase technology, software, hardware, and digital forensic resources that assist law enforcement with extracting, unlocking, and analyzing data from mobile phones, computers, and other digital devices, as well as software that supports public safety technologies including body-worn camera systems, digital evidence management software, and other investigative technologies that provide stronger digital evidence and improve public safety outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the project includes the acquisition of software licenses that will be procured under five (5) year subscription agreements in accordance with applicable grant requirements and Sullivan County procurement policies; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity operates under a non-matching, reimbursement grant model, requiring Sullivan County to pay eligible project costs upfront and seek reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Justice following approved expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Commission that:

1. The Sullivan County Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an application for funding through the U.S. Department of Justice FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide ("BIDEN") Program – Round 2.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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 20th day of Aug, 2026 at or about the following time: 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

Richard D. Venable

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 Joe Carr

Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-08-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF \$4,500 GRANT TO CREATE A “RESET ROOM” TO AID IN POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND STRESS REDUCTION FOR PARTICIPANTS OF COURT PROCEEDINGS.

WHEREAS Ballard Health is a non-profit healthcare organization committed to improving the health and wellness of citizens in its service areas of Northeast TN and Southwest VA; and

WHEREAS Sullivan County operates the Sullivan County General Session Courts and wishes to create "reset rooms" to aid in positive mental health and stress reduction for participants of court proceedings; and

WHEREAS Ballard Health believes this will improve the mental health and wellness of members of the community in keeping with its charitable purposes and is willing to assist County in creating such reset rooms by providing a monetary donation to be used for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County supports the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Ballard Health in which Ballard Health agrees to provide a one-time grant of \$4,500 for this purpose.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1: The \$4,500 is to be paid by Ballard Health to Sullivan County no later than September 1, 2026.

SECTION 2: Ballard Health has no obligation beyond providing the monetary support.

SECTION 3: Sullivan County agrees to use the funds only for the purchase of items and equipment related to the reset room project.

SECTION 4: The County will display a sign to be provided by Ballard that is reasonably acceptable to the County indicating the equipment in the room has been provided by Ballard Health. Ballard hereby grants a license to the County to display this signage at the County for the duration of this Agreement.

SECTION 5: Sullivan County agrees to provide the following anonymous data points to Ballard regarding room utilization monthly. County acknowledges that Ballard may request the data points or frequency of reporting may be changed in the future. County will use reasonable efforts to meet any modified data points or reporting frequency. Initial Data reporting:

1. Number of room uses per month; Number of uses in the month where the user expresses feeling improvement/benefit from using the room; Number of first time visits to the reset room in a month.

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-08-09

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

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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 24th day of Aug 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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 Travis Ward

Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover, Commissioner Andrew Cross, everyone voting in the affirmative.

ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

26 Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-08-09 Sponsors: Ward/Vanover
Vote

0726

Description

RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF \$4,500 GRANT TO CREATE A "RESET ROOM" TO AID IN POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND STRESS REDUCTION FOR PARTICIPANTS OF COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:14:01 PM
Voting stop time 8:14:23 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	0/3

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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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SPONSOR TO WITHDRAW

Item 12

Resolution No. 2026-08-10

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO GO ON RECORD SULLIVAN COUNTY INTENDS NOT TO RENEW ITS CONTRACT FOR TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTING THE USE OF VISUAL SURVEILLANCE DEVICES *KNOWN AS FLOCK CAMERAS* IN SULLIVAN COUNTY. ~~PENDING DEVELOPMENT OF EITHER STATEWIDE OR LOCAL "GUARDRAILS" REGARDING PRIVACY CONCERNS.~~

WHEREAS in August 2024, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, approved a request from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter a contract and develop a system of visual surveillance cameras; and

WHEREAS the SCSO currently operates visual surveillance cameras under a contract that will be up for renewal in January 2027; and

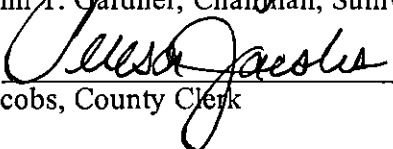
WHEREAS the Tennessee General Assembly is expected to address public concerns regarding use of such cameras during its upcoming session, including retention of data collected by such cameras shall not for longer than 30 days; data collected by such cameras shall not be sold; all data collected by such cameras shall be stored on a server guaranteed by any vendor to be secure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County goes on record now that Sullivan County shall not renew a contract for continued service of or provision of technology and/or equipment for the operation of visual surveillance cameras *known as flock cameras* in Sullivan County. ~~until such time the concerns above have been addressed either by state law or local policy development and any vendor receiving a county contract for said services and/or equipment meets the criteria to be determined based on the criteria: limited retention of data; no sale of data; guaranteed server safety.~~

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

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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 21st day of Aug, 2026 at or about
the following time: 9:30am by the following method: Hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Denolte
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 Gary Stidham**Cosponsors: Commissioner Mark Ireson; Comm. Joe Carr.**

ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Sponsor moved to withdraw, however, some of the commission wanted to
discuss. Commissioner Ireson made a motion to amend to place a period after the words "Sullivan County"
in both the heading of the resolution as well as the last paragraph and strike all the wording that follows. In
addition, add the phrase "known as flock cameras" in the same areas. Sponsor accepted the amendment.
Commissioner Locke then made a motion to table the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Ward. Vote
was taken on tabling and failed 10 Yes, 11 No, 3 Absent. Resolution was approved as amended 18 Yes, 2
Abstain, 1 No, 3 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

Motion to Table Item 12
Vote

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Description

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:37:56 PM

Voting stop time 8:38:41 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Vote result

Yes	10
Abstain	0
No	11
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	10	11	0
Total result	10	11	3

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	
Hopper, Barry ()			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			
Stidham, Gary ()			X	
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

27 Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-08-10 Sponsors: Stidham/Ireson
Vote

0730

Description

RESOLUTION TO GO ON RECORD SULLIVAN COUNTY INTENDS NOT TO RENEW ITS CONTRACT FOR TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTING THE USE OF VISUAL SURVEILLANCE DEVICES IN SULLIVAN COUNTY, PENDING DEVELOPMENT OF EITHER STATEWIDE OR LOCAL "GUARDRAILS" REGARDING PRIVACY CONCERNS.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:58:44 PM
Voting stop time 8:59:35 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	18
Abstain	2
No	1
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
No group	18	2	1	0
Total result				
	18	2	1	0/3

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			
Hopper, Barry ()		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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()			X	

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-08-11

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF HEALTHY START HOME VISITING PROGRAM GRANT
FUNDS.**

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Regional Health Department currently operates an Evidence-Based Home Visiting program dedicated to improving maternal and child health outcomes, supporting early childhood development, and strengthening local families; and

WHEREAS additional grant funding in the amount of \$523,500.00 has been made available through Tennessee Department of Health under the Healthy Start Home Visiting Program Services; and

WHEREAS this grant opportunity provides a separate and distinct funding source while carrying a scope of work that directly aligns with the Evidence-Based Home Visiting services currently delivered by the department; and

WHEREAS acceptance of these grant funds requires no local matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County authorizes acceptance of the Healthy Start Home Visiting Program Services grant funding in the amount of \$523,500.00 from Tennessee Department of Health. Accounts and codes to be assigned by the Sullivan County 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 20th day of August 2026.

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

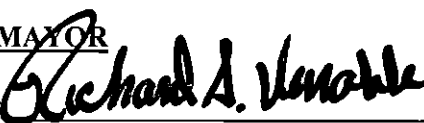
ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 20th day of Aug, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30am by the following method: Hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

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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 Jessica Means****Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite**

ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-08-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AMENDMENT FOR ZAIDI PROPERTY PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE WILLEY BOOM REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Bristol Housing ("BH") pursuant to the provisions of Title 13, Chapter 20, Tennessee Code Annotated, as supplemented and amended, has the power and authority to administer redevelopment programs located within its statutory boundaries; and

WHEREAS, BH has prepared a Redevelopment Plan for the Willey Boom Redevelopment District in conformance with Title 13, Chapter 20, Part 2, Tennessee Code Annotated, as supplemented and amended which has been adopted by the City of Bristol, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as previously authorized by the Sullivan County Commission, BH conducted a public hearing on July 15, 2026, to determine the necessity for the adoption of a Redevelopment Plan for the Willey Boom Redevelopment District on behalf of Sullivan County which includes the use of tax increment financing; and

WHEREAS, the comments and findings of said public hearing, along with the Zaidi Property Project proposal for the Willey Boom Redevelopment District have been presented to the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, BH and the City Council of the City of Bristol, Tennessee have recommended the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan and the proposed tax increment financing amendment and have also recommended approval of the use of tax increment financing for a redevelopment project which includes a residential development known as the Zaidi Property Project to be located within the Willey Boom Redevelopment District.

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

1. That the Redevelopment Plan for the Willey Boom Redevelopment District (being the same plan previously approved by this Commission for other Bristol redevelopment districts and being incorporated herein by reference), along with the proposed TIF Amendment, as presented and recommended by BH, a copy of the TIF Amendment being attached hereto as Exhibit A, are hereby approved, and the factual findings contained therein are affirmed and adopted by the Sullivan County Commission.
2. That use of tax increment financing as described in the Willey Boom Redevelopment Plan TIF Amendment for use in support of the project known as Zaidi Property Project is hereby approved.
3. That the Sullivan County Mayor and Sullivan County Assessor are hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate and execute all such documents as may be reasonably required to implement this Plan.
4. That BH is hereby authorized and empowered to implement the Redevelopment Plan as amended, including the use of tax increment financing, on behalf of Sullivan County through the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement and other agreements deemed appropriate by BH.

5. This resolution is restricted solely to the Willey Boom Redevelopment District and Zaidi Property Project is not an approval or denial of any other Redevelopment Plan, Project or District.

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 20th day of August 2026.

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 20th day of Aug, 2026 at or about the following time 5:00 am by the following method Hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venalide
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 David Akard

Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Barry Hopper; Commissioner Andrew Cross; Commissioner Michael Cole.

ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at Regular Session on 08/20/26; 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

29 Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-08-12 Sponsors: Akard/Harvey
Vote

0735

Description

RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT
FINANCING AMENDMENT FOR

ZAIDI PROPERTY PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE WILLEY BOOM
REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 9:03:02 PM
Voting stop time 9:03:35 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 3

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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

EXHIBIT A**WILLEY BOOM REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ZAIDI PROPERTY PROJECT
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AMENDMENT**

Tax-increment financing ("TIF") is a redevelopment tool to be administered by housing and redevelopment authorities codified at Tenn. Code Ann. §§13-20-204 and 205, et. seq. The purpose of TIF is to provide an economic stimulus for blighted property in need of redevelopment. Upon adoption of this Amendment, TIF may be utilized to finance eligible redevelopment costs for a residential redevelopment project known as Zaidi Property ("Zaidi Property") to be located within the existing Willey Boom Redevelopment District subject to the provisions of this Amendment. The TIF shall be administered as follows:

A. District History.

The Willey Boom Redevelopment District was designated as a Redevelopment District by Bristol Housing ("BH") and the City of Bristol, Tennessee in 2024. The Willey Boom Redevelopment District consists of three zones. The first zone is bounded by East Cedar Street in the north, Delaware Street on the east, Hazelwood Street on the south, and 5th Street on the west. Zone One contains approximately 18 acres and 17 parcels of property. The second zone is bounded by Lakeview Street in the north, a commercial property line on the east, Oakwood Street on the south, and a commercial property line on the west. Zone Two contains approximately 24 acres and 19 parcels of property. The third zone is bounded by a residential property line in the north, a residential property line in the east, North Paperville Road in the south, and residential property lines on the west. Zone Three contains approximately 159 acres and 18 parcels of property.

The Willey Boom Redevelopment District and its three zones are shown on the map attached as Exhibit One ("Redevelopment District"). The Zaidi Property Project Area of the Willey Boom Redevelopment District is located in Zone Three and is shown on the map attached as Exhibit Two ("Project Area"). The Zaidi Property project is approximately 132 acres and its redevelopment will serve as a catalyst for improvements in the entire Redevelopment District.

The Project Area of the Redevelopment District is currently vacant and consists of undeveloped land, with significant soil, rock and other development challenges deleterious land use which negatively impacts the welfare of the neighboring areas. Delay of the redevelopment of the Project Area will continue to have a blighting influence

on the adjacent areas. The use of TIF will allow the redevelopment of a site which has remained undeveloped for many years. The Project Area would be improved by implementation of the proposed Redevelopment Project. The presence of approximately 445 new housing units will substantially increase economic activity in and around the Redevelopment District. Redevelopment of this area via the proposed Project would also help alleviate the shortage of housing options in the Bristol and Sullivan County markets which are critical to assist area businesses in recruiting new employees to the area.

Based on the foregoing circumstances and conditions, the Board of Commissioners of BH has determined that the District is blighted as defined by TCA 13-20-201 et seq. The District and the Project Area experiences the following conditions:

1. Long-term vacant and underutilized property.
2. Deleterious land use, and
3. Blighting effect of the continued vacancy and deterioration of the property and impact to the surrounding properties including increased crime in the Redevelopment District

It is recommended that the project be redeveloped, rehabilitated and/or renovated in order to correct such blighted and deteriorated conditions.

B. District Zoning and Land Use.

The redevelopment of the District shall comply with the zoning ordinances and building codes as well as other applicable rules, laws, ordinances, codes and regulations of the City. BH shall also review the Plan and any redevelopment projects within the District with appropriate City agencies and officials to ensure that the Plan and the proposed redevelopment activities conform with local objectives relating to appropriate land uses, improved traffic flow, public transportation, public utilities, recreation and community facilities and other public improvements and needs. For a more complete description of the requirements and restrictions of the Zoning Ordinances of the City, reference should be made to the Ordinances themselves. This property is currently zoned PRD by the City of Bristol with no plans to revise that designation.

The City and BH will cooperate in the planning and construction of improvements to the streets, roadways, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, parking systems, lighting, landscaping and traffic signalization and control.

C. Estimated Cost of the Project.

The total estimated costs of all the proposed improvements to be made by Ardent Development Group, a Tennessee general partnership (the "Developer") for the Project is \$170,000,000. The proposed improvements to be performed by the Developer include

grading, rock removal, storm water and utilities, public and private roads, sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, and other related amenities. The housing units to be constructed are as follows:

Footage	Approx. # of Units	Square
Duplex – Twin Homes	48	1200
Single Family - Cottage	87	1183-2361
Single Family	157	1618-4109
Single Family	153	1343-2804
Total Units	445	

(hereafter the "Redevelopment Project").

In order to give BH and the Developer flexibility in the event of future unforeseen market or site conditions, BH may deem Developer to be in compliance with the above unit count requirements provided the total unit count regardless of category is at least ninety percent (90%) of the total unit counts listed above. In addition, BH will be paid an annual administration fee equal to five percent of the total annual tax increment revenue received by BH. The Project will be located upon a portion of the following tax parcel: Sullivan County Tax Map 021, Parcels 054.30. The TIF shall be limited to eligible expenditures for the Redevelopment Project within the Project Area.

D. Sources of Revenue to Finance the Cost of the Project.

The primary sources of revenue to pay for the Redevelopment Project are developer equity and loan proceeds in the approximate amount of \$ 160,700,000.00 from a permanent loan and equity of the Developer and tax increment based debt (to be issued by BH in the form of bonds, notes, or other indebtedness) in a total amount not to exceed \$ 9,300,000.00, but in no event in an amount to exceed the estimated amount of debt that can be amortized within the time periods provided herein, all of which is hereby authorized by City of Bristol (the "City") and Sullivan County, Tennessee (the "County"). Current projections suggest that the tax increment from the proposed improvements within the Project Area will be sufficient to retire this amount of indebtedness within a 15 year principal amortization period.

The total current property tax assessment for the Project Area is \$ 632,300. This results in annual property tax payments to the City in the amount of \$ 11,665.94 and annual property tax payments to the County in the amount of \$ 10,198.37 . The Redevelopment Project would result in a total estimated assessed value for property within the Project Area of \$ 37,766,056 (based on a \$151,064,227 tax appraised value). Based on current tax rates, this would result in total estimated annual city taxes of \$ 696,783 and total estimated annual county taxes of \$609,128. Because Sullivan County has dedicated \$0.205 of its \$ 1.6129 tax rate for repayment of indebtedness and the City of Bristol has dedicated \$0.06 of its \$1.845 tax rate for repayment of indebtedness, that portion of the increment, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§13-20-205 and 9-23-103, shall not be allocated as provided in Paragraph G below but shall be collected and paid to the respective taxing agency as all other property taxes are collected and paid. Thus, the estimated total available increment from Sullivan County taxes after the statutory debt service set aside but prior to any county holdback is \$522,806. The estimated total available increment from City of Bristol taxes after statutory debt service set aside but prior to any holdback is \$ 662,837. However, this amendment provides in Paragraph G that fifteen percent (15.00 %) of the tax increments shall be retained by the City and County resulting in an estimated total annual available tax increment after holdbacks and BH administrative fees of \$ 957,407. The combined new tax revenue above the current base as a result of this Project would be \$154,545 to the County and \$121,705 for the City. A detailed calculation of these estimated projections is attached hereto as Exhibit Three. The redevelopment of the Project Area will not occur to the degree proposed without the use of tax-increment financing.

E. Amount and the Final Maturity of Bonded or other Indebtedness to be Incurred.

The principal amortization period for any indebtedness backed by the tax-increment revenue generated within the Project Area shall be no more than 15 years. In any event, the final maturity date of all indebtedness issued pursuant to this Amendment shall be on or before May 15, 2049. Upon retirement of all bonds, loans, or other indebtedness incurred and payable from tax-increment funds, or at such time as monies on deposit in the tax-increment fund or funds are sufficient for such purpose, all property taxes resulting from the incremental development of the project shall be retained by the appropriate taxing agency for disbursement according to law.

F. Impact of the Tax-Increment Financing Provisions Upon Taxing Agencies.

The total assessment of the City of Bristol's property tax base for the 2025 tax year is approximately \$1,201,200,512. The total assessment of Sullivan County's property tax base for the 2023 tax year is approximately \$3,726,932,850. The current assessment of the Project Area represents 0.05% of the City of Bristol's property tax base and 0.01% of

the Sullivan County property tax base. The estimated assessment of the Proposed Improvements would represent 3.14 % of the current City of Bristol tax base and 1.01% of the current Sullivan County tax base. Based on these small percentages, the City and the County (the two taxing agencies affected by this Redevelopment Project) will not be substantially impacted financially by this tax-increment financing provision.

The development of the Redevelopment Project will result in additional residents and economic activity within the Redevelopment District. It is estimated approximately 650 total jobs could be created during the construction phase of the Redevelopment Project. In addition, the long-term impact includes the addition of residents to the Willey Boom area which results in significant additional local taxes and other revenue for local governments. While all these numbers rely on certain assumptions and projections, the end result of the Redevelopment Project is that a need for housing has been met and the City and County will receive a substantial economic boost.

G. Division of Property Taxes.

Upon written notice to the City and County from BH of the tax year that the allocation period shall begin (but in no event beyond the tax year 2034), the taxes levied and collected over the Project Area (or any zone or portion of the Project Area as authorized in Paragraph L below) shall be collected by the appropriate taxing authorities in the same manner as provided by law, except that said taxes shall be divided as follows:

1. The portion of the taxes which would be produced by the rate at which the tax is levied each year by each taxing agency, upon the assessed value of such property within the Project Area as of the 2025 tax year (which is the year prior to the year of approval of this TIF amendment) ("Base Assessment"), shall be allocated to, and when collected, shall be paid to, the respective taxing agencies as taxes levied by such taxing agencies on all other property are paid; provided, that in any year in which taxes of the Project Area are less than the Base Assessment and the Dedicated Taxes, there shall be allocated and paid to those respective taxing agencies only those taxes actually imposed and collected; and provided further, that, in any year or years in which the Base Assessment would be diminished solely due to a rate reduction under Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 17, of the Tennessee Code, the Base Assessment shall nevertheless be established at the amount originally determined.

2. Subject to the restraints herein and applicable law, eighty five percent (85%) of all the taxes levied in each year in excess of the Base Assessment and Dedicated Taxes shall be allocated to and, when collected, shall be paid into a special fund or funds of BH to pay the administration fee and to pay the principal of and interest on any bonds, loans or other indebtedness incurred or to be incurred by BH to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, eligible redevelopment expenses of the Redevelopment Project contemplated by the Redevelopment Plan, and such other expenses as may be

allowed by law. The remaining fifteen percent (15%) of all the taxes levied in each year in excess of the Base Assessment and Dedicated Taxes shall be allocated to and, when collected, shall be paid to the respective taxing agencies in the same manner as taxes on all other property are paid.

3. Upon retirement of all bonds, loans or other indebtedness incurred by BH and payable from such special fund or funds, or at such time as monies on deposit in such special fund or funds are sufficient for such purpose, all taxes levied each year in excess of the Base Assessment and Dedicated Taxes shall, when collected, be paid to the respective taxing agency as taxes levied by such taxing agencies on all other property are paid, and BH shall give notice to all affected taxing agencies of such retirement. Excess taxes beyond amounts necessary to fund or reserve for eligible expenditures may be applied to principal and interest of debt incurred to finance such eligible expenditures or shall revert to the taxing agency general fund. In any event, the division of property taxes required by this document shall not continue for any tax year beyond 2048.

H. Property Tax Assessments and Collection.

1. The appropriate assessor shall, in each year during the period in which taxes are to be allocated to BH pursuant to Paragraph G, compute and certify the net amount, if any, by which the current assessed value of all taxable property located within the Project Area which is subject to taxation by the particular taxing agency exceeds the base assessment. The net amount of any such increase is referred to in this subdivision as the incremental value for that particular year.

2. In any year in which there exists a tax increment to be allocated to BH, the appropriate assessor shall exclude it from the assessed value upon which the appropriate assessor computes the tax rates for taxes levied that year by the taxing agency. However, the assessor shall extend the aggregate tax rate of such taxes against the Base Assessment and the incremental value and shall apply the taxes collected therefrom as provided herein.

3. If in any year property comprising a portion of the Project Area shall be removed from the tax rolls of a taxing agency, the Base Assessment for the Project Area shall be reduced by the amount of the Base Assessment allocable to the property so removed for each subsequent year in which taxes are to be allocated to a particular authority pursuant to the above provisions.

I. Documentation for Assessor's Office.

Upon approval of this Amendment, BH shall transmit to the assessor of property and the chief financial officer for each taxing agency affected, a copy of the description of all land within the Project Area (including tax parcel numbers), the date or dates of the approval of the redevelopment plan or amendment thereto, a copy of the resolution

approving the redevelopment plan or approving an Amendment thereto, a map or plat indicating the boundaries of such property and the Base Assessment with respect to the Project Area, and taxes shall thereafter, when collected, be allocated and paid in the manner provided herein.

J. Excluded Taxes.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, taxes levied upon property subject to tax-increment financing provisions by any taxing agency for the payment of principal of and interest on all bonds, loans or other indebtedness of such taxing agency, and taxes levied by or for the benefit of the State of Tennessee (herein "Dedicated Taxes"), shall not be subject to allocation as provided in Paragraph G but shall be levied against the property and, when collected, paid to such taxing agency as taxes levied by such taxing agency on all other property are paid and collected.

K. Interpretation.

This tax-increment financing amendment is being proposed pursuant to *Tenn. Code Ann. § 13-20-201, et. seq.* and *Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-23-101, et. seq.* and all relevant provisions are hereby incorporated herein by reference. All provisions of this Amendment shall be construed in a manner consistent with said Code sections.

L. Conditions of Tax Increment.

BH shall enter into a redevelopment agreement with Developer which requires Developer to pursue and complete the Redevelopment Project in a diligent manner, and in accordance with plans and specifications approved by BH including provisions that obligate the Developer to construct or cause the construction of the housing units and other improvements as set forth in this plan. The redevelopment agreement to be entered into between BH and Developer shall contain such terms as BH believes reasonably necessary to accomplish this purpose. The tax increment financing authorized pursuant to this Amendment may be divided into multiple separate TIF loans which may be phased in such manner, in such amounts and on such terms as BH deems advisable. BH shall also have the authority to group the various tax parcels to be created within Project Area into separate TIF zones as it deems advisable and pledge the TIF revenue from each separate TIF zone for the repayment of separate TIF loans as it deems advisable to achieve the purposes of this Amendment. However, in no event shall the combined loan amounts for the Project Area as a whole exceed \$9,300,000.00, nor shall the principal amortization period for any TIF Indebtedness exceed 15 years and in no event shall the TIF Revenue from any portion of the Project Area be allocated beyond the tax year 2048. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 9-23-103, BH may separately group one (1) or more parcels within the Project Area for purposes of calculating and allocating the tax increment revenues hereunder, and in such cases, the allocation of tax increment revenues shall be

calculated and made based upon each such parcel or group of parcels, and not the entire area subject to the plan. BH may also allocate the tax increment revenues with respect to any parcel or group of parcels within the Project Area to begin in different years in order to match tax increment revenues with the purposes for which such revenues will be applied as determined in BH's discretion but in no event shall the TIF Revenue for any portion of the Project Area be allocated for more than 15 years in total.

EXHIBIT ONE

MAP OF WILLEY BOOM REDVELOPMENT DISTRICT



EXHIBIT TWOMAP OF WILLEY BOOM REDVELOPMENT DISTRICTZAIDI PROPERTY PROJECT AREA

EXHIBIT THREE

TIF ESTIMATE

ZAIDI PROPERTY PROJECT AREA

WILLEY BOOM REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Total Original Assessed Base Value	\$632,300.00
County Tax Rate	1.6129
City Tax Rate	1.845
Total New Assessed Value	\$37,766,056.75
County Debt Service Rate	.205
City Debt Service Rate	.06
Total County Taxes	\$609,128.73
Base County Taxes	\$10,198.37
County Increment	\$598,930.36
County Debt Service Set Aside	\$76,124.20
Available County Increment after Debt Service	\$522,806.16
County Increment after 15% Holdback	\$444,385.24
County Increment after Admin Fee	\$422,165.98
Total City Taxes	\$696,783.75
Base City Taxes	\$11,665.94
Proposed City Increment	\$685,117.81
City Debt Service Set Aside	\$22,280.25
Available City Increment after Debt Service	\$662,837.56
City Increment after 15% Holdback	\$563,411.92
City Increment after Admin Fee	\$535,241.33
Total City and County Increment available for Debt Service	\$957,407.30

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-08-13

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF \$175,000 OF AVAILABLE OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ANTI-DRUG COALITION TO HELP COVER THE NON-PROFIT AGENCY'S 2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET.

WHEREAS, as of August 6, 2026, Sullivan County had available \$420,453 total in Opioid Abatement Funds; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County's Opioid Advisory Committee recommends allocating \$175,000 of that total amount to the Sullivan County Anti-Drug (SCAD) Coalition; per the non-profit agency's request to help it operate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Judget Teresa Nelson and Judge Doug Vance took time from their busy dockets to attend the Advisory Committee's meeting to state their support for SCAD, which they described as essential to ongoing programs in their courts to send drug-related defendants to treatment rather than the county's overcrowded jail – and imperative to efforts to establish a veterans' court in Sullivan County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026 approves allocation of \$175,000 to the Sullivan County Anti-Drug Coalition. 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 20th day of August 2026.

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 the 20th day of Aug, 2026 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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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**Sponsored by: Commissioner Archie Pierce****Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Larry Crawford; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Joe Carr.****ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent**

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
 Resolution No. 2026-08-14

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF \$151,925 OF AVAILABLE OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDS TO SULLIVAN COUNTY RECOVERY RESTORATION TO HELP FUND THE NON-PROFIT'S CONTINUED SERVICE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ITS COURT-SANCTIONED PROGRAMS FOR OFFENDORS SEEKING HELP IN RECOVERY.

WHEREAS, as of August 6, 2026, Sullivan County had available \$420,453 total in Opioid Abatement Funds; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County's Opioid Advisory Committee recommends allocating \$151,925 of that total amount to Sullivan County Recovery Restoration; per the non-profit agency's request to help it operate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS the Advisory Committee's vote on the recommendation was 6 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention (Judge Jim Goodwin recused himself).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026 approves allocation of \$151,925 to Sullivan County Recovery Restoration. 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 20th day of August 2026.

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

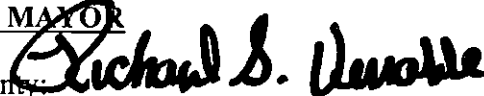
ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 24th day of Aug, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 by the following method: Hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
 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**Sponsored by: Commissioner Zane Vanover****Cosponsors: Commissioner Larry Crawford; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Joe Carr; Commissioner Archie Pierce.****ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent**

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-08-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF \$86,662 OF AVAILABLE OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDS TO FAMILIES FREE, INC., TO HELP FUND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY WOMEN'S RECOVERY HOME IN BLOUNTVILLE.

WHEREAS, as of July 31, 2026, Sullivan County had available \$420,453 total in Opioid Abatement Funds; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County's Opioid Advisory Committee recommends allocating \$86,662 of that total amount to Families Free, Inc., per the non-profit agency's request to help start a new women's recovery home in property it has the opportunity to lease in Blountville.

WHEREAS the Advisory Committee's vote on the recommendation was unanimous and consensus by the group was that while the \$86,662 was not the full \$170,000 requested by Families Free to help fund the women's recovery home for 30 months, the committee would consider funding Families Free additional money toward the effort as soon as more opioid abatement funds become available to Sullivan County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026 approves allocation of \$86,662 to Families Free, Inc.

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 20th day of August 2026.

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 20th day of Aug, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30pm by the following method: Hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
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**Sponsored by: Commissioner Darlene Calton.****Cosponsors: Commissioner Archie Pierce; Larry Crawford; Commissioner Darlene Calton;
Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Joe Carr; Commissioner Zane Vanover.****ACTIONS: 08/13/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 08/20/26;
08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent**

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Item 18
Resolution No. 2026-08-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$30,000 IN TENNESSEE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (TYEP) GRANT FUNDS FROM VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD), Workforce Services Division, and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) support local efforts to increase youth employment through the Tennessee Youth Employment Program (TYEP); and

WHEREAS, the TYEP grant is a strategic initiative designed to lessen the effects of poverty and ensure that youth with disabilities gain valuable work experience and develop productive workplace habits to prepare them for future careers; and

WHEREAS, this program specifically aims to expand opportunities for teens and young adults with disabilities who might otherwise struggle to find gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has been awarded up to \$30,000.00 in TYEP grant funding through the First Tennessee Development District to support student employment initiatives; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be utilized to provide stipends for students in the Special Education program who are working within Sullivan County Schools; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will allow students to build essential job skills in real-world environments while receiving financial compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the sum of \$30,000.00 be accepted from the Tennessee Youth Employment Program and Vocational Rehabilitation and amended as follows to appropriate said funds:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790	Other Vocational Grants	+30,000.00
71200-189	Other Salaries & Wages	+27,870.00
71200-201	Social Security Tax	+1,725.00
71200-212	Employer Medicare	+405.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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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 20th day of August 2026.

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 20th day of August, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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 Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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Vote

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Description

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$30,000 IN
TENNESSEE YOUTH

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (TYEP) GRANT FUNDS FROM VOCATIONAL

REHABILITATION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 9:04:56 PM

Voting stop time 9:05:23 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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Item 19
Resolution No. 2026-08-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$30,000 IN TENNESSEE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (TYEP) GRANT FUNDS FROM VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD), Workforce Services Division, and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) support local efforts to increase youth employment through the Tennessee Youth Employment Program (TYEP); and

WHEREAS, the TYEP grant is a strategic initiative designed to lessen the effects of poverty and ensure that youth with disabilities gain valuable work experience and develop productive workplace habits to prepare them for future careers; and

WHEREAS, this program specifically aims to expand opportunities for teens and young adults with disabilities who might otherwise struggle to find gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has been awarded \$30,000.00 in TYEP grant funding through the First Tennessee Development District to support student employment initiatives; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be utilized to provide stipends for students in the Work Based Learning program who are working within Sullivan County Schools; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will allow students to build essential job skills in real-world environments while receiving financial compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 20th day of August 2026, that the sum of \$30,000.00 be accepted from the Tennessee Youth Employment Program and Vocational Rehabilitation and amended as follows to appropriate said funds:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790	Other Vocational Grants	+30,000.00
71300-189	Other Salaries & Wages	+27,868.00
71300-201	Social Security Tax	+1,728.00
71300-212	Employer Medicare	+404.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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Item 19
Resolution No. 2026-08-17

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 20th day of August 2026.

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 24th day of August, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Denolite
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 Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 20
Resolution No. 2026-08-18

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS' PARTICIPATION IN THE TENNESSEE YOUNG EMPLOYEE PROGRAM (TN YEP) AND THE RECEIPT OF REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Youth Employment Program (TN YEP) is an initiative designed to create meaningful employment opportunities for young individuals by matching employers with talent who align perfectly with their business and industry requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Schools has partnered with the TN YEP program to offer ten (10) high school students the opportunity to participate in this valuable work-based learning experience; and

WHEREAS, through its participation, Sullivan County Schools is eligible to receive a reimbursement of up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) from the TN YEP to cover the wages of the participating students; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement of these funds will enable the school system to fully support the students' participation in the program without a financial burden on the district's budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County School Board recognizes the significant educational and career-readiness benefits that the TN YEP program provides to its students.

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 reimbursements in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount (\$30,000.00). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
48130-395	Contributions	30,000.00
71300-189-395	Other Salaries & Wages	27,868.00
71300-201-395	Social Security	1,728.00
71300-212-395	Employer Medicare	404.00

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.

Waiver of rules requested.

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Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 24th day of August, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County

Richard S. Denard
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 Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 21
Resolution No. 2026-08-19

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY (60) MONTH LEASE WITH CANON USA INC. FOR THE SCHOOL NUTRITION OFFICE COPIER.

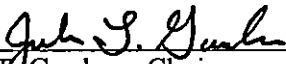
WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has met with a representative of Canon USA Inc. to review the current needs/issues at the School Nutrition Office; and

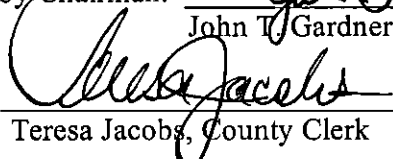
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to execute a sixty (60) month lease @ \$50.76 per month with Canon USA Inc. as recommended by the Sullivan County Board of Education.

Waiver of the Rules Requested

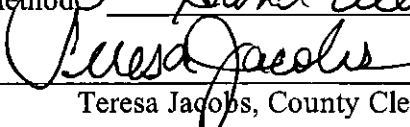
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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

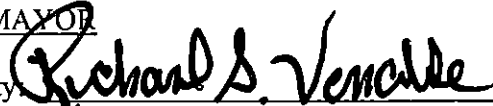
ATTEST: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 24th day of August, 2026, at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered.


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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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Item 21
Resolution No. 2026-08-19

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 Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 22
Resolution No. 2026-08-20

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR THE GEAR UP GRANT FROM EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY (ETSU) IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools has been awarded continuing participation in the GEAR UP Grant program through East Tennessee State University (ETSU) to support student readiness and success; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners previously recognized and approved an initial budget allocation for the **Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)** grant during the July 2026 regular session; and

WHEREAS, updated grant activities require a revision to the original budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session, that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the revision of the GEAR UP Grant funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-471-725	Software & Online Curriculum	-\$5,000.00
71300-499-725	Other Supplies & Materials	+\$10,000.00
71300-730-725	Instructional Equipment	+\$32,000.00
72130-189-725	Salaries & Wages	-\$10,287.00
72130-201-725	Social Security	-\$638.00
72130-204-725	Retirement	-\$925.84
72130-212-725	Medicare	-\$149.16
72130-315-725	Transportation-Contracted Svs	-\$10,000.00
72230-355-725	Travel	-\$15,000.00

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.

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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 24th day of August, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County Richard L. 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 Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 23
Resolution No. 2026-08-21

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$24,000 IN STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA (SAEF) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE TEACHING AS A PROFESSION (TAP) PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD), through its State Apprenticeship Agency (Office of Apprenticeship), administers the State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula (SAEF) grant program; and

WHEREAS, SAEF programs are designed to assist employers in building a skilled workforce of new and incumbent employees to meet specific labor market needs; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools is committed to preparing students for high-demand careers through Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools currently operates the "Teaching as a Profession" (TAP) program, a critical pipeline for developing future educators within our community; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has been awarded \$24,000.00 in SAEF funding through the First Tennessee Development District to support students participating in the Teaching as a Profession program; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be utilized to provide stipends to students who are participating in the TAP program and serving in local elementary schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session, that the sum of \$24,000.00 be accepted from the First Tennessee Development District through the SAEF Grant and the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended as follows to appropriate said funds:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790	Other Vocational Grants	+24,000.00
71300-189	Other Salaries & Wages	+22,295.00
71300-201	Social Security Tax	+1,382.00
71300-212	Employer Medicare	+323.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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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 20th day of August 2026.

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 24th day of August, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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 Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 24
Resolution No. 2026-08-22

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO
RECOGNIZE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 (YEAR 3) DHS STATE AND LOCAL
CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLCGP) FUNDS.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education applied for funding through the Tennessee Strategic Technology Solutions (STS) for the Fiscal Year 2024 (Year 3) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received a notification of award recommendation in the total amount of **\$77,842.26** to fund projects targeting gaps in Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) security plans, including mobile networking, VPNs, and mobile command center infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this grant program requires no local matching funds from Sullivan County, and the total awarded amount of **\$77,842.26** needs to be formally recognized and appropriated within the General Purpose School Fund budget; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee will also provide managed services licenses separately on behalf of the county, including 1,250 End User Cybersecurity Awareness Training licenses and 10 Endpoint Detection and Response licenses, which do not require direct local purchasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session, that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to recognize and appropriate these grant funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47590	Other Federal Through State	\$77,842.26
72250-350	Internet Connectivity	\$51,842.26
72210-524	Staff Development	\$12,000.00
72210-701	Administration Equipment	\$14,000.00

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.

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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Item 24
Resolution No. 2026-08-22

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 24th day of August, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite

Co-Sponsor(s): Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 25
Resolution No. 2026-08-23

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023 DHS STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLCGP) FUNDS FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration, Strategic Technology Solutions (CyberSafeTN), has awarded Sullivan County Schools a Federal Fiscal Year 2023 DHS State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) allocation; and

WHEREAS, the grant award consists of a pass-through reimbursement allocation totaling **\$49,200.00** (\$37,200.00 for Managed Endpoint Detection via Google Workspace for Education Plus and \$12,000.00 for Additional Training via InfoSec IQ - CompTIA and ISC CISSP); and

WHEREAS, the grant further awards managed services consisting of 1,250 End User Cybersecurity Awareness Training licenses (InfoSec IQ) provided directly by the State in lieu of cash funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session, that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the revision of the FFY23 SLCGP Grant funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47590	Other Federal Through State	\$49,000.00
72250-350	Internet Connectivity	\$37,200.00
72210-524	Staff Development	\$12,000.00

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.

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 25

Resolution No. 2026-08-23

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 24th day of August, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Verath

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: Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsor: Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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Item 26
Resolution No. 2026-08-24

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTION IN THE 2026-27 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has reimbursement for the provision of a dual enrollment instructor for various CTE programs; and

WHEREAS, the funds to be reimbursed to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2026-27 year are \$29,750.00; and

WHEREAS, the CTE department would like to utilize these reimbursements to enhance the equipment provided in various CTE programming; and

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 (\$29,750.00). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
48130	Contributions	29,750.00
71300-730-007	Vocational Instruction Equip	29,750.00

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.

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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 24th day of August 2026 at or about the following time 9:30am by the following method and delivered
Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County.

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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 Joyce Crosswhite****Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover****ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent**

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Item 27
Resolution No. 2026-08-25

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM BALLAD HEALTH FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ADMINISTRATION, AND OPERATION OF THE BALLAD HEALTH ACADEMY BY SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools, in partnership with Ballad Health, has agreed to administer the Ballad Health Academy within the CTE programming; and

WHEREAS, a teacher from each high school completed professional development training specifically related to the administration of the Ballad Health Academy program; and

WHEREAS, Ballad Health has committed to supporting this educational initiative through reimbursement for the costs associated with stipends for completing said training; and

WHEREAS, Ballad Health has also agreed to reimburse for the costs associated with stipends for administering the grant each semester; and

WHEREAS, Ballad Health has also agreed to assist with the implementation of the program within its schools by allocating funds to be utilized for expenses associated with personnel, instructional equipment, and instructional supplies; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools will receive funding in the amount of \$173,600.00 as a result of said agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Board of Education to recognize said funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount (\$173,600.00). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the reimbursements are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
48130	Contributions	173,600.00
71300-100	Personnel	80,241.00
71300-200	Employee Benefits	13,359.00
71300-400	Supplies & Materials	40,000.00
71300-700	Equipment	40,000.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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Item 27
Resolution No. 2026-08-25

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 20th day of August 2026.

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 24th day of August 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Vendole
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 Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 28
Resolution No. 2026-08-26

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2027 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through the Tennessee Department of Education, awards Innovative School Models (ISM) Grant funding to school districts to support career and technical education, expand postsecondary opportunities, and eliminate structural barriers between middle/high school and local workforce pathways; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2026-27 year are \$152,985.23.

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 (\$152,985.23). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790-717	Other State Grants	152,985.23
71300-400-717	Supplies & Materials	15,716.31
71300-700-717	Capital Outlay	127,286.47
76100-700-717	Capital Outlay	9,982.45

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 20th day of August 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 28

Resolution No. 2026-08-26

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 24th day of August 2026 at or about the following time 9:30am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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 Joyce Crosswhite**Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover****ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent**

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 29
Resolution No. 2026-08-27

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2026-2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET WITH FUNDING FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT WAS APPROVED IN THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 13, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDING NEEDED TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE STATE APPROVED SRO POSITION AT THE WEST RIDGE ANNEX.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has approved an additional State-funded School Resource Officer position for the Sullivan County West Ridge Annex; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education approved, at its meeting on August 13, 2026, to transfer funding to the general fund in the amount of \$80,000 to assist the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office with the purchase of a vehicle and necessary equipment for the additional School Resource Officer assigned to the West Ridge Annex; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget will be increased to purchase the needed vehicle and equipment for the SRO at West Ridge Annex for a total estimated initial cost of \$80,000 (\$66,000 for a vehicle, \$14,000 for upfitting Cost); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approve funding from The Sullivan County Board of Education to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget to Provide funding in the amount of \$80,000 for the cost of a vehicle and equipment needed for the SRO at the West Ridge Annex. The expenditure accounts are below:

- 101 E 54110 400 \$14,000

- 101 E 54110 700 \$66,000

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 20th day of August 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 29
Resolution No. 2026-08-27

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 24th day of August, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard J. Venalide
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 Hunter Locke

Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Andrew Cross

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 30
 Resolution No. 2026-08-28

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2026-2027 SRO GRANT BUDGET TO INCREASE THE FUNDS FROM \$1,125,000 TO \$1,200,000 TO ADD THE STATE APPROVED OFFICER TO THE WEST RIDGE ANNEX AND APPROVE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO SIGN THE AMENDED STATE GRANT CONTRACT.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has approved additional funding in the amount of \$75,000 to provide funding for an additional School Resource Officer position at the West Ridge Annex; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to amend its 2026-2027 SRO Grant budget from \$1,125,000 to \$1,200,000 to account for the additional \$75,000 in State-approved grant funding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Sheriff's office is seeking approval to sign the Grant Application provided by the State of Tennessee in reference to the 2026-2027 School Resource Officer Grant; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approve the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to amend the 2026-2027 School Resource Officer Grant budget from \$1,125,000 to \$1,200,000 and to approve the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to sign the application. The funds will be coming in from the State of Tennessee (101 R 46240). We are requesting these funds be placed into the following Accounts:

- 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 545 \$ 52,500

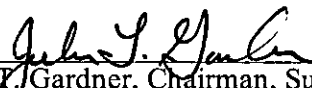
- 101 E 54110 200 Program Code 545 \$ 22,500

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

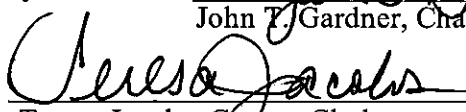
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of August 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman:


 John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST:


 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 30
Resolution No. 2026-08-28

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Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Hunter Locke

Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Andrew Cross

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 31
Resolution No. 2026-08-29

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2026 – 2027 GENERAL FUND RISK MANAGEMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$605,550 FOR A ONE-TIME TRANSFER OF FUNDING TO THE SELF-INSURANCE FUND.

WHEREAS, the governing body has determined that it is necessary and in the best financial interest of the government to provide additional funding to the Self-Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the county has experienced increased costs in the prior year for insurance premiums, as well as worker compensation and general liability claims; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of funds is needed to provide adequate resources to the Self-Insurance Fund and maintain the financial stability of the government's self-insurance program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the 2026 – 2027 General Fund Risk Management Budget and the Self-Insurance Fund as follows:

General Fund:

Appropriation 51920-500	Contracted Services	\$ 605,550
Source 39000	Fund Balance	\$ 605,550

Self-Insurance Fund:

Source 43101	Self-Insurance	\$ 605,550
	Premiums and	
	Contributions	

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

Duly passed and approved this 20TH day of August 2026.

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Item 31
Resolution No. 2026-08-29

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 24th day of August, 2020, at or about the following time 1:30 pm by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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 Dwight King

Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 32
 Resolution No. 2026-08-29

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of August 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR COUNTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in FY 2023-2024 the State significantly reduced the State Tax Relief funding, which critically affected Sullivan County's elderly and disabled (27% funding decrease) and Sullivan County's 100% disabled veterans and their widow/widowers (36% funding decrease) who are dependent on the program to help meet their financial needs due to most of the recipients being on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, in most recent years funding for the State Tax Relief program has continued to be at a lesser level than FY 2022-2023;

WHEREAS, in 2025 county property assessments significantly increased the taxes on properties especially affecting those in the tax relief program; and it is the desire of Sullivan County to assist their taxpayers in bridging the gap created by the decrease in State funding; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence to enable the upcoming tax roll to be loaded with the correct information for the tax relief program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the Sullivan County Trustee to issue County Tax Relief benefits to qualifying State Relief recipients in a total amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for the tax year; and that said benefit will continue each tax year until rescinded by this body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trustee shall credit County Tax Relief benefits directly to qualifying taxpayers and apply the benefit amount before allocations are made to the various county funds.

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

Waiver of the Rules Requested

Approved this 20th day of August 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 32
Resolution No. 2026-08-29

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Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard D. Kenalke
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 Hershel Glover

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Dwight King.

08/20/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 19 Yes, 2 Abstain, 3 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission August 20 2026

8/20/2026

55 Item 32 Resolution No. 2026-08-30 Sponsors: Glover/Crosswhite
Vote

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Description

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR COUNTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time

9:07:45 PM

Voting stop time

9:08:17 PM

Voting configuration

Vote

Voting mode

Open

Vote result

Yes	19
Abstain	2
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Abstain	Absent
No group	19	2	0
Total result 19 2 0 3			

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			
Hopper, Barry ()		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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

Summary of Opioid Settlement Funds Awarded

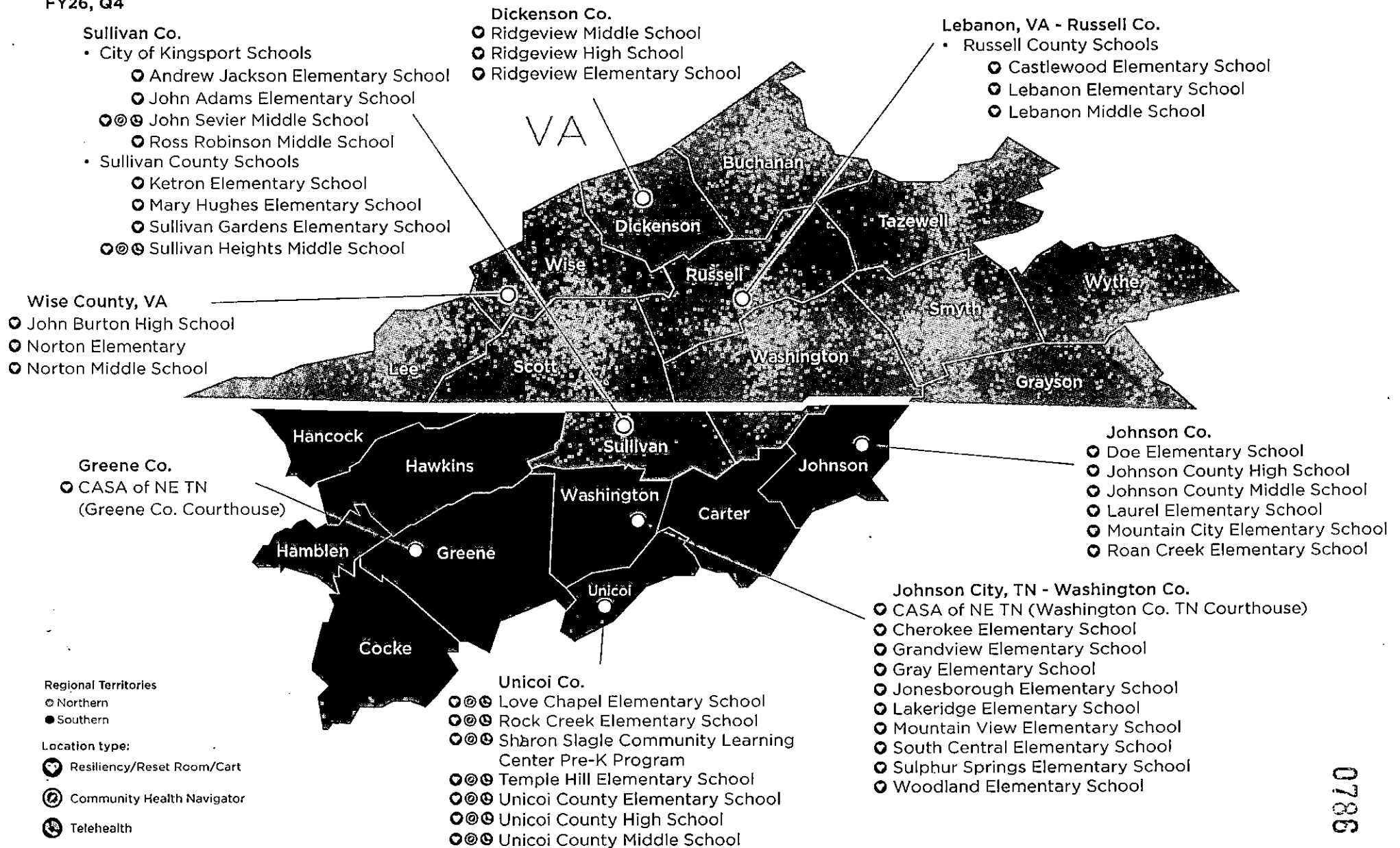
Sullivan County Sheriff Office Pre-Trial	(139,708.00)	2025-04-08
	(188,523.50)	2025-03-03
Sullivan County Sheriff Office Medical Division	(168,660.00)	2025-05-13
	(177,043.00)	2026-05-12
Sullivan County Sheriff Office Co-Responder Program	(216,611.92)	2026-05-13
Total Amount Sullivan County Sheriff Office	(890,546.42)	
Families Free	(80,000.00)	2024-09-02
	(125,000.00)	2025-03-03
	(513,700.00)	2026-02-14
Total Amount to Families Free	(718,700.00)	
Recovery Resources	(206,013.22)	2024-09-02
	(194,780.00)	2025-03-03
Total Amount Recovery Resources	(400,793.22)	
Sullivan County Anti-Drug Coalition	(46,576.44)	2024-08-15
	(48,949.57)	2024-08-15
	(229,477.39)	2025-02-12
Total Amount Sullivan County Anti-Drug Coalition	(325,003.40)	
Bridge To Shore	(167,213.20)	2024-09-02
	(177,213.20)	2025-03-03
Total Amount Bridge To Shore	(344,426.40)	
Northeast State Community College	(256,056.00)	2025-02-12
Total Amount Northeast State Community College	(256,056.00)	
Sullivan County Childrens Advocacy Center	(100,000.00)	2025-03-03
Total Amount Sullivan County Childrens Advocacy Center	(100,000.00)	
Sullivan County Restoration Recovery	(147,500.00)	2025-12-12
Total Amount Sullivan County Restoration Recovery	(147,500.00)	
Total	(3,133,025.44)	

Updated: August 17, 2026

Behavioral Health Locations

School-based Services

FY26, Q4



Behavioral Health Child & Adolescent Services

Crisis care, school services and outpatient help



24/7 Walk-in Crisis Center and inpatient psychiatric care

- Located at Woodridge Hospital in Johnson City
- Immediate help for behavioral health crises
- Child and adolescent unit for ages 6-17 with onsite state licensed educator
- For immediate, confidential support call the Respond Crisis Hotline at 800.366.1132

Outpatient clinics

- Located in Kingsport, Johnson City, Greeneville and Big Stone Gap
- Treatment available for a wide range of conditions, including depression, eating disorders, anxiety/stress and ADHD/ADD
- Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) available in Johnson City
- Primary Care Behavioral Health Integrated Clinics provide medical and behavioral health services across the Appalachian Highlands
- Telehealth and virtual visits available

Community education

Skilled Behavioral Health representatives lead in person community education year-round on topics including suicide prevention, mental health awareness and resiliency support.



School-based services

Reset rooms provide safe, supervised spaces where students can go to decompress, regulate their emotions and refocus before returning to class.



For more information:



**For more information
about child and adolescent
services call 423.302.3480**

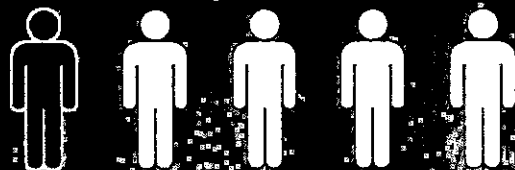
Spotting the signs

Because children are still learning how to identify and talk about their thoughts and emotions, their most obvious symptoms are behavioral. Here are signs your student may be struggling:

- Changes in school performance
- Decreased interest in activities that otherwise excite them
- Excessive worry or anxiety
- Frequent disobedience, aggression or temper tantrums
- Frequent nightmares
- Hyperactive behavior
- Isolation
- Lack of communication
- Mood swings



Did you know?



One in five children ages 13-18 have or will have a mental illness.



50% of students age 14 and older with a mental illness drop out of high school.

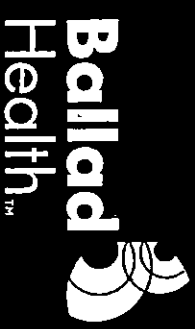


Every day in the United States, more than 5,240 students in grades 7-12 attempt suicide, and four out of five students give clear warning signs.

Data obtained from www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org.

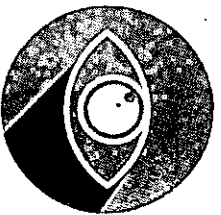
*Psychiatrists providers are board certified Child & Adolescent fellowship trained for both inpatient and outpatient. Advanced practice providers have psychiatric certification and child and adolescent experience.

5-4-3-2-1 Grounding Technique



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Ease your state of mind in stressful moments.



Acknowledge **5** things you
can see around you.



Acknowledge **4** things you
can touch around you.



Acknowledge **3** things you
can hear around you.



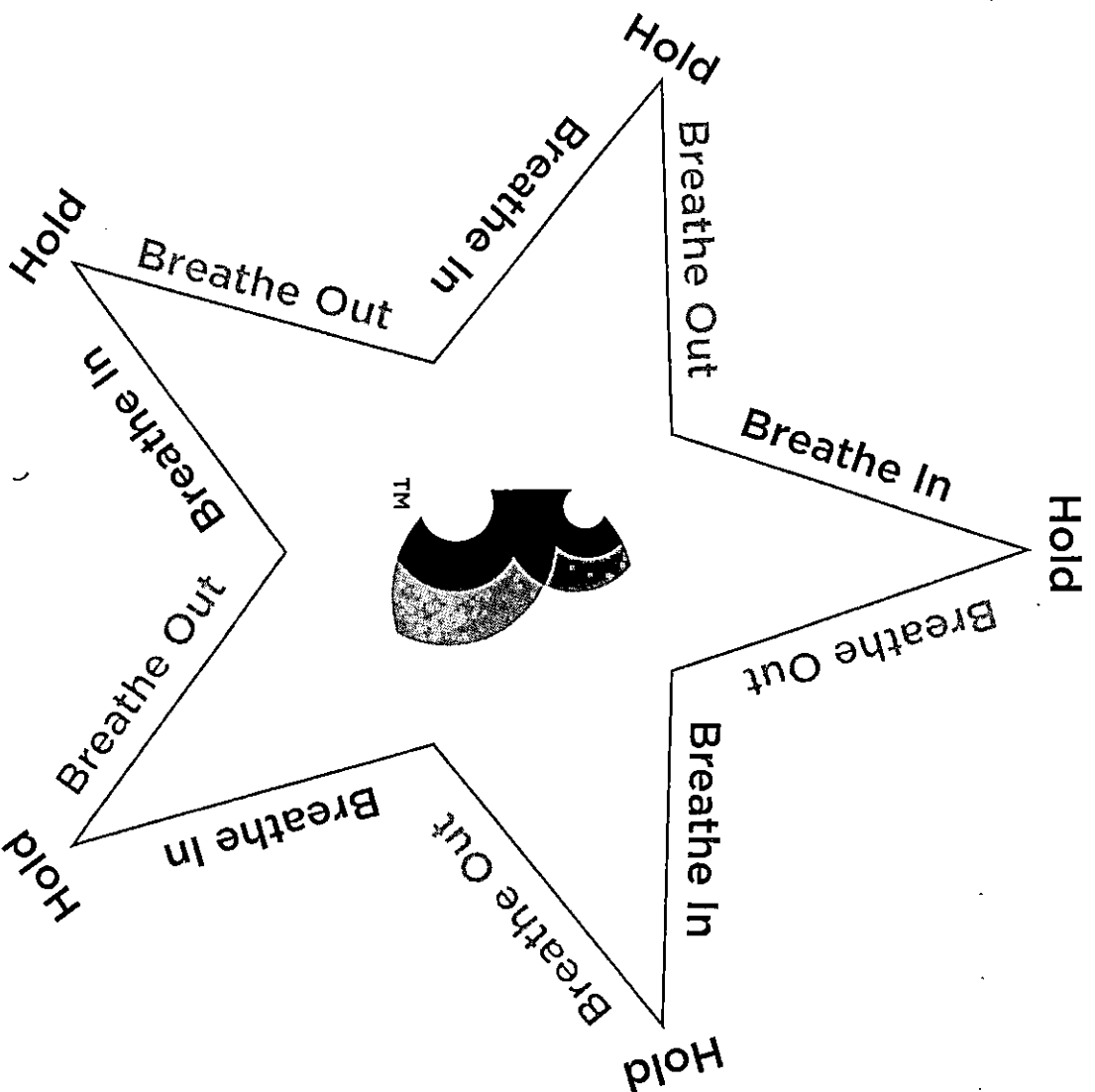
Acknowledge **2** things you
can smell around you.



Acknowledge **1** thing you
can taste around you.

Star breathing

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- Start at any "Breathe In" side on the star.
- Trace your finger over the breathe in side of the point
- Hold your breath when your finger gets to the tip of the point
- Breathe out as you trace your finger over the other side of the point.
- Keep going until you reach where you started.
- When you trace the whole star, you will have completed 5 deep breaths

Multi-home safety

If children and vulnerable adults are staying with relatives or friends, ensure the same safety measures are discussed and implemented in those homes.

Crisis resources

- **24/7 Respond Crisis Hotline**
1.800.366.1132
- **Woodridge Hospital**
24/7 Walk-In Crisis Center
403 N. State of Franklin Road,
Johnson City, Tennessee
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**
Call or text 988 anytime
- **Poison Control**
1-800-222-1222

Ballad Health commitment

We're here to help you create a safe, supportive environment for healing. Talk to your provider about additional resources and support.



Safe home: means restriction for intentional and unintentional death

Why having a safe home matters

In moments of deep emotional crisis, decisions can be made in seconds. By limiting access to lethal means during these vulnerable times, we can protect lives and offer a chance for healing. The risk is especially high within 30 days after a crisis or hospitalization. This is when support matters most.

Means restriction is also important for overall home safety. Safely storing firearms, medications, sharp objects and other hazardous items helps prevent accidental harm, especially among children and vulnerable adults. Taking simple steps to secure these items can reduce risk and create a safer environment for everyone in the home.

You're not alone

Help is always within reach – whether by call, text or click. Know the signs that someone may be struggling:

- Excessive drinking or drug use
- Hopelessness
- Perceived burden on family or others
- Social isolation

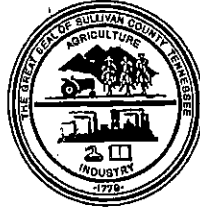
What struggles with mental health can look like

Changes in mood, social withdrawal, changes in eating or sleeping, excessive worry or fear, feeling sad or low. There are several risk factors that could contribute to a change in mental health, and these could include negative life events related to financial, legal or relationship changes.

Restrict access to:

Item	Why	Safety tips
Firearms	Leading cause of suicide death and the leading cause of accidental death or injury for children	Store outside the home, use gun locks, lock boxes, or disassemble and remove bullets
Medications	Second leading cause of suicide deaths and the leading cause of accidental poisoning in children	Lock up all meds (prescription, OTC, vitamins) if living alone, keep key in a separate room
Sharps	Easily accessible tools for harm	Lock knives, razors, and tools in secure cabinets
Poisons	Includes household, outdoor, and automotive chemicals	Lock all chemicals in cabinets inaccessible to children and vulnerable adults
Mind-Altering Substances	Substances impair judgment and increase the risk of an impulsive act. Children are at risk of poisoning due to accidentally ingesting substances	Lock up alcohol, THC, and other substances

Sullivan County



AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 9:28 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER VANOVER TO MEET AGAIN IN WORK SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2026.



JOHN T. GARDNER

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN