

COUNTY COMMISSION-WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN MONTHLY WORK SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WERE CHAIRMAN JOHN GARDNER AND TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by Chairman John Gardner. Deputy Brian Embree opened the commission, and Commissioner Crawford gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Commissioner Don Thompson

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

DAVID AKARD	JOSH HAYES
TY BOOMERSHINE	STANLEY HODGES
JOE CARR	MARK IERSON
MICHAEL COLE	MATTHEW JOHNSON
LARRY CRAWFORD	SAM JONES
ANDREW CROSS	DWIGHT KING
JOYCE CROSSWHITE	HUNTER MICHAEL LOCKE
LAKIE DERRICK	TIM PULLON
JOHN GARDNER	ZAC THOMAS
TODD GOLDEN	DON THOMPSON
BOB HARSHBARGER, JR	MARK VANCE
KIM HARVEY	

23 PRESENT, 1 ABSENT
ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: WARD

The following pages indicate the action taken by the Commission on rezoning requests for the month of September 2026.

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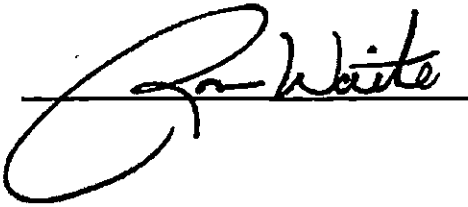
TIMES NEWS

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County of Sullivan, State of Tennessee

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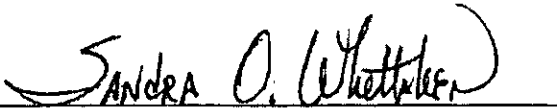
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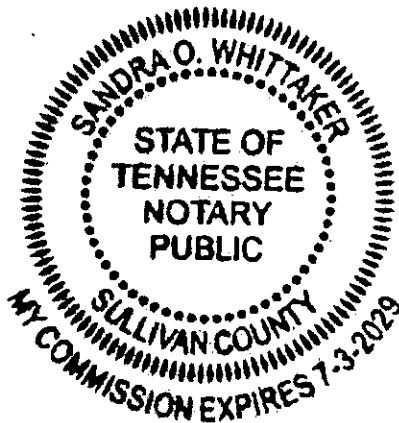


Ron Waite

Signed and sworn to before me
on 09/03/2026



Sandy Whittaker - Notary Public
My commission expires: July 3, 2029



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026.**

0002

Notice is hereby given to all members of the Board of County Commissioners, residents of Sullivan County, Tennessee, and any other interested parties that two public meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be held at the Courthouse in Blountville, Tennessee, located at 3411 Hwy 126 during September 2026.

The monthly Work Session and public hearing/voting on amendments to the Sullivan County zoning resolution will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026. The monthly Regular Session will start at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2026.

Anyone wishing to provide public comment at these meetings must sign up on the provided sign-up sheet before the meeting begins.

This notice is issued in accordance with the provisions of Sections 8-44-101 to 8-44-108 of the Tennessee Code Annotated.

Teresa Jacobs
Sullivan County Clerk

PUB1T: 9/3/26

Agenda subject voting report

0003

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 10 2026 1

8/20/2026

2 Attendance announced by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk
Attendance
Roll Call

Description

Roll Call

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:07:41 PM
Voting stop time 6:08:40 PM
Voting configuration Roll Call - Attendances
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Present	23
Total Present	23
Total Seats	28
Absent	1

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
Total result	23	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Absent
Akard, David ()	X	
Boomershine, Ty ()	X	
Carr, Joe ()	X	
Cole, Michael ()	X	
Crawford, Larry ()	X	
Cross, Andrew ()	X	
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X	
Derrick, Lakie ()	X	
Gardner, John ()	X	
Golden, Todd ()	X	
Harshbarger Jr, Bob ()	X	
Harvey, Kim ()	X	
Hayes, Josh ()	X	
Hodges, Stanley ()	X	
Ireson, Mark ()	X	
Johnson, Matthew ()	X	
Jones, Sam ()	X	
King, Dwight ()	X	
Locke, Hunter ()	X	
Pullon, Tim ()	X	
Thomas, Zac ()	X	
Thompson, Don ()	X	
Vance, Mark ()	X	
Ward, Travis ()		X

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Order of Business
September 10, 2026
6:00 p.m.

COUNTY COMMISSION REZONING HEARING & WORK SESSION

- ❖ 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

Rezoning Hearing

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-09-01

Sponsors: Hayes/Hodges

**RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SULLIVAN
COUNTY ZONING PLAN: ZONING MAP OR THE ZONING RESOLUTION**

Case 1) Sammy and Lilibeth Ford, 1038 Highway 394 Blountville, A-2 to PBD/SC, for the purpose of a single-family home. 4th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #1/Ford

Vote on Case #1/Ford

Case 2) Chester H. Trivette Jr., 4118 Weaver Pike, Bristol, R-1 to A-1, for the purpose of placing a single-wide on the property. 4th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #2/Trivette

Vote on Case #2/Trivette



SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
246th Annual Session
Rezoning Hearing

Item 1
Resolution No. 2026-09-01

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 10th day of September 2026.

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN: ZONING MAP OR THE ZONING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the rezoning petition(s) have been duly initiated; have been before the appropriate Regional Planning Commission (recommendations enclosed); and shall receive a public hearing as required prior to final action from the County Commission; and

WHEREAS such rezoning petition(s) and/or the proposed text amendment(s) will require an amendment to the SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN – Zoning Map or Zoning Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby consider rezoning petition(s) and/or the Zoning Resolution Text Amendment(s), conduct the appropriate public hearing as required by law, and vote upon the proposed amendment(s) individually, by roll call vote, and that the vote be valid and binding, and that any necessary amendments to the official zoning map or resolution code book be made by the Planning & Codes Department.

All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 10th day of September 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 21st day of September, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Word delivered

Teresa Jacobs
County Clerk, Sullivan County

CONTINUED



ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Zane Vanover
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Zane Vanover 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:

_____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County**Introduced by: Commissioner Josh Hayes****Seconded by: Commissioner Stanley Hodges****ACTIONS: 09/10/26 (Work Session) Approved 23 Yes, 1 Absent**

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 10 2026 1

8/20/2026

6 Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-09-01 Sponsors:

0007

Description

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN: ZONING MAP OR THE ZONING RESOLUTION

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:09:25 PM
Voting stop time 6:10:00 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
Total result	23	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Boomershine, Ty ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Derrick, Lakie ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Golden, Todd ()	X			
Harshbarger Jr, Bob ()	X			
Harvey, Kim ()	X			
Hayes, Josh ()	X			
Hodges, Stanley ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Johnson, Matthew ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
Pullon, Tim ()	X			
Thomas, Zac ()	X			
Thompson, Don ()	X			
Vance, Mark ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

**SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COMMISSION – REZONING
AGENDA REZONING PUBLIC COMMENT
September 10, 2026**

Name

Street Address

Email

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 10 2026 1

8/20/2026

7 Case 1
Vote

0009

Description

Case 1) Sammy and Lilibeth Ford, 1038 Highway 394 Blountville, A-2 to PBD/SC, for the purpose of a single-family home. 4th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #1/Ford

Vote on Case #1/Ford

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:14:34 PM
Voting stop time 6:15:18 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
Total result	23	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Boomershine, Ty ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Derrick, Lakie ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Golden, Todd ()	X			
Harshbarger Jr, Bob ()	X			
Harvey, Kim ()	X			
Hayes, Josh ()	X			
Hodges, Stanley ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Johnson, Matthew ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 10 2026 1

8/20/2026

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
Pullon, Tim ()	X			
Thomas, Zac ()	X			
Thompson, Don ()	X			
Vance, Mark ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

0010

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 10 2026 1

8/20/2026

8 Case 2
Vote

Description

Case 2) Chester H. Trivette Jr., 4118 Weaver Pike, Bristol, R-1 to A-1, for the purpose of placing a single-wide on the property. 4th Commission District.

0011

Public Hearing on Case #2/Trivette

Vote on Case #2/Trivette

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:16:36 PM
Voting stop time 6:17:02 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
Total result	23	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Boomershine, Ty ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Derrick, Lakie ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Golden, Todd ()	X			
Harshbarger Jr, Bob ()	X			
Harvey, Kim ()	X			
Hayes, Josh ()	X			
Hodges, Stanley ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Johnson, Matthew ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
Pullon, Tim ()	X			

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 10 2026 1

8/20/2026

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Thomas, Zac ()	X			
Thompson, Don ()	X			
Vance, Mark ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

0012

Zoning Plan: Rezoning Requests and/or Zoning Text Amendments
SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
 September 10, 2026 - Zoning Hearing Session

RESOLUTION #1 - To Consider the following zoning amendments (map or text) as reviewed by the Regional Planning Commission.
 Motion by: Hayes Seconded by: Hodges

Order of Cases	Date of Application	Applicant's Name	Neighbor Opposition	Staff's Recommendation	Planning Commission's Recommendation	Regional Planning Commission Jurisdiction	Current Zoning District	Requested Zoning District	Civil District	Commissioner District
1	7/17/2026	Sammy and Lilibeth Ford	No	Yes	Yes	Sullivan	A-2	PBD/SC	5	4
2	6/23/2026	Chester H. Trivette Jr.	No	Yes	Yes	Sullivan	R-1	A-1	21	4

Voting Summary:

Name	Case	Yes	No	Pass / Absain	Absent	Pass (Yes or No)
Sammy and Lilibeth Ford	1	23			1	YES
Chester H. Trivette Jr.	2	23			1	YES

Footnote:

- ZTA: Zoning Text Amendment -Rec: Recommendation

* Completed Application is when all information is signed, fee has been paid and no outstanding documents needed. Date of Application is when the applicant initially files

0013

Case #1

A-2 to PBD/SC

A-2 (Rural Agricultural and Open Space District) to PBD/SC
(Planned Business and/or Shopping Center District) for the
purpose of a single-family home.
Tax Map 050, Parcel 040.00

for Sammy and Lillbeth Ford

Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission
voted to send a favorable recommendation
to the County Commission

1038 HWY.394, Blountville

Civil District 5th
Commission District 4th
(Cole, Crosswhite, Leonard)



0012

F2. Rezoning request from Sammy & Lillbeth Ford to rezone the property located at 1038 Highway 394, Blountville, TN 37617 from A-2 (Rural Agricultural and Open Space District) to PBD/SC (Planned Business and/or Shopping Center District).

0015

FINDINGS OF FACT—

Landowner:	Sammy & Lillbeth Ford
Applicants:	Same
Representative:	Same
Location:	1038 Highway 394, Blountville, TN 37617
Mailing Address of Owners:	1038 Highway 394, Blountville, TN 37617
Civil district:	04
Parcel ID:	Tax Map 050, Parcel 040.00
Subdivision of Record:	Ketron Prop
PC1101 Growth Boundary:	Sullivan County Planned Growth
Airport Overlay Zone:	No
Existing Land Use of Lot:	Agricultural/Open Space
Utility District:	Blountville
Public Sewer:	No
Flood Plain:	None
Existing Zoning:	A-2
Surrounding Zoning:	A-2/R-1/R-2
Surrounding Land Uses:	Rural Agricultural/Open Space/ Low Density/Single Family Residential District/ Medium Density Residential District
2006 Land Use Plan:	PBD/SC
Lot/Tract Acreage:	17.74 Acres
Neighborhood Opposition:	No

Staff Field Notes and Findings of Facts:

- The applicant has requested to rezone approximately 2.50 acres of his property and have the property split zoned from A-2 to PBD/SC in the requested portion that you see for an HVAC business.
- Staff visited the site to inspect and take pictures.
- The property is currently vacant and fronts Highway 394, providing direct access to an existing state-maintained roadway.
- The submitted site plan identifies multiple proposed access points from Highway 394.
- The remaining acreage is family- owned property, and the owner is going to keep 15+ acres as A-2 zoning and to be utilized for agricultural purposes, preserving the rural character of the property and keeping Greenbelt status.
- The site plan includes a proposed 50 foot by 75-foot commercial building, with a parking area, and a fence outdoor laydown/storage yard intended for business operations.
- Future Land Use Plans show the property is designated within the Commercial Corridor future land use category.
- Adjacent properties include areas designated for Low Density Residential and Agricultural/Single-Family Residential Uses.
- The proposed rezoning represents a transition from a residential zoning district to a commercial zoning district.
- Staff recommends approval of the requested split rezoning. The proposed PBD/SC zoning is consistent with the adopted Future Land Use Plan, supports commercial development along Highway 394, and allows the remaining acreage to stay zoned A-2 for continued agricultural use and Greenbelt enrollment.

Meeting Notes at Planning Commission:

0016

PETITION TO SULLIVAN COUNTY FOR REZONING

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

Date: 07-17-2026

Property Owner: Sammy and Lillbeth Ford

Address: 1038 HWY 394, Blountville, TN 37617

Phone number: 276-356-6878

Email: deachrunjr@completecomfort.us

Property Identification

Tax Map: 050

Group:

Parcel: 040.00

Zoning Map: 8

Zoning District: A-2

Proposed District: PBD/SC Civil District: 05

Property Location: 1038 HWY 394, Blountville, TN 37617

Commission District: 4

Purpose of Rezoning: HVAC business

Meetings

Planning Commission: Sullivan County

Place: Historic Courthouse 2nd floor Commission Chambers 3411 Hwy 126, Blountville

Date: Aug 18, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Approved: _____

Denied: _____

County Commission:

Place: Historic Courthouse 2nd Floor Commission Chambers 3411 Highway 126, Blountville TN

Date: Sept 10, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

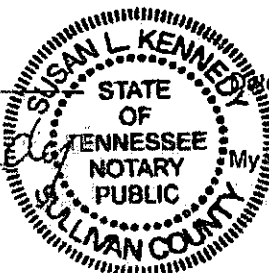
Approved: ☒

APPROVED 23 YES 1 ABSENT

Denied: _____

Pd CC #353
#4/908DEED RESTRICTIONS

I understand that rezoning does not release my property from the requirements of private deed/Subdivision restrictions. The undersign, being duly sworn, hereby acknowledges that the information provided in this petition to Sullivan County for Rezoning is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Owner's Signature: [Signature]Notary Public: [Signature]

My Commission Expires: 02.21.29

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 10 2026 1

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7 Case 1
Vote

0017

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Public Hearing on Case #1/Ford

Vote on Case #1/Ford

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

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Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
Total result		23

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Boomershine, Ty ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Derrick, Lakie ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Golden, Todd ()	X			
Harshbarger Jr, Bob ()	X			
Harvey, Kim ()	X			
Hayes, Josh ()	X			
Hodges, Stanley ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Johnson, Matthew ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
Pullon, Tim ()	X			
Thomas, Zac ()	X			
Thompson, Don ()	X			
Vance, Mark ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

0018

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL OF UTILITY SYSTEMS

JACOB KEMP CHAMBERLAIN JR. CLARK SPRING, VA 22020
 (703) 477-4180 (703) 477-0017
 jkemp@earthlink.net

OWNER: SAUND, J. EOBRO
TOTAL ACRES: 5.0033 AC
ACRES NEW ROAD: 0
MILES NEW ROAD: 0
TOTAL LOTS: 2
CIVIL DISTRICT: 3 IN
CLOSURE ERROR: 110.000
SURVEYOR: ALBION S. FLEENER
SCALE: 1" = 60'

COLE & TAYLOR BAKER
Parcel No. 050 054.50
D.B. 3704 Pg. 1469
P.B. 58 Pg. 488
Zone A-2
Land Use: Agricultural and Open
Spaces

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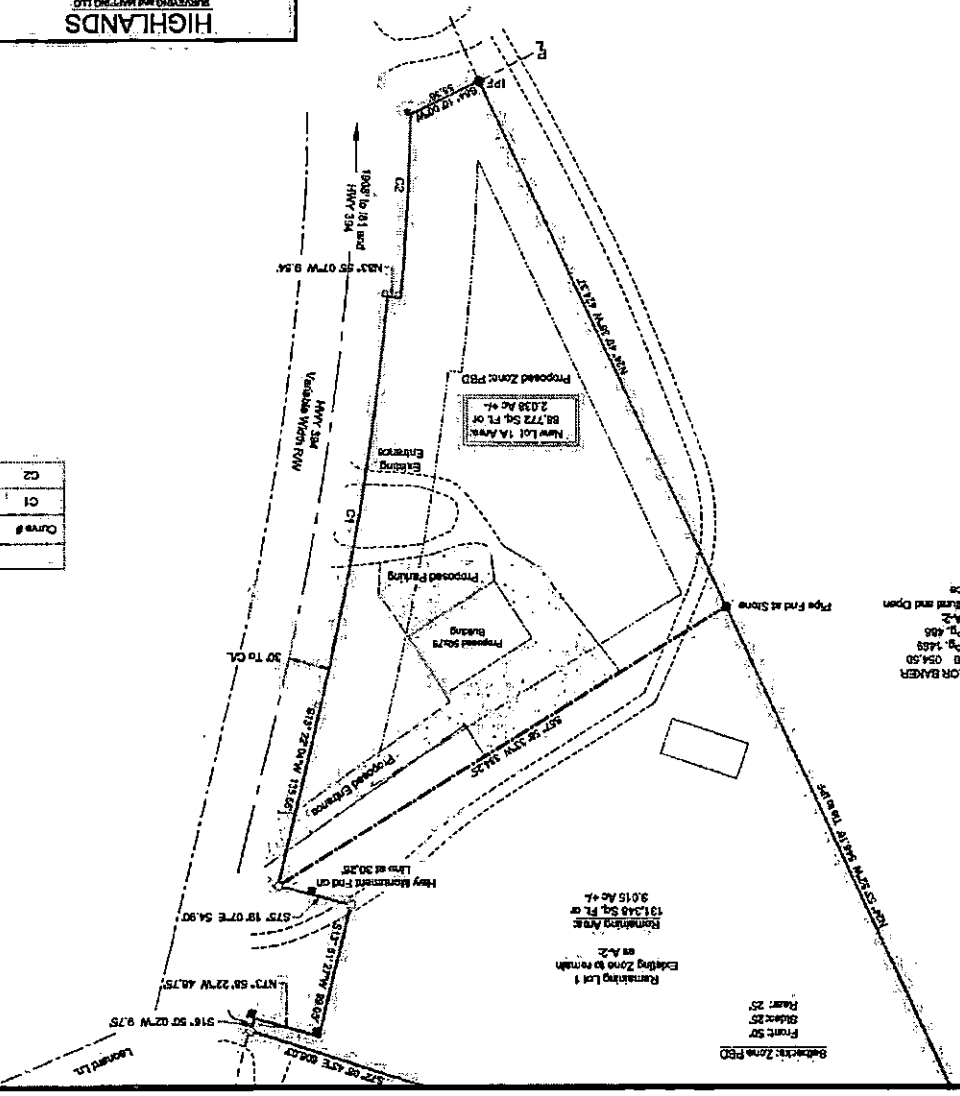
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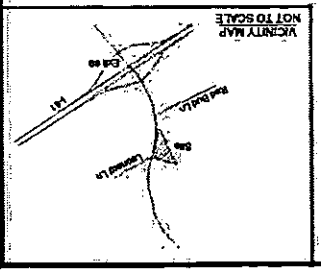
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Curve #	Length	Radius	Chord Direction	Chord Length
C1	303.25'	2174.78'	S8° 22' 23"W	303.00'
C2	138.25'	1850.00'	S8° 09' 17"W	138.25'



I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PLAN SHOWN AND DESCRIBED HEREON IS A TRUE
 AND CORRECT SURVEY TO THE ACCURACY REQUIRED BY THE SULLYMAN COUNTY.
 I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE PERSON SHOWN HEREON TO BE THE PERSONS OF
 THE TENNESSEE LAND SURVEYORS LAWS AND REGULATIONS.
 PRELIMINARY
 IN FILE #0250
 ARYAN S. REEDER
 DATE

Legend

_____	New Boundary Line and Zoning Determination
_____	Existing Boundary
_____	Foot of Way
_____	Adjusting P/L
_____	Section
●	(Q) Old Iron Rod Found
■	(RQ) New Iron Rod Set
■	Iron Con. With Find
□	Iron Con. With P.B. 67 Pg. 97
_____	Point
_____	Utility Pole / Wires
_____	Water Main



Tennessee Property Assessment Data - Parcel Details Report - <https://assessments.tn.gov>

Sullivan (082)

Tax Year 2028 | Reappraisal 2025

Jan 1 Owner

FORD SAMMY J &
LILLBETH CATURAN FORD
1038 HWY 394
BLOUNTVILLE TN 37617

Current Owner

HWY 394 1038

Cur Map:	Group:	Parcel:	PI:	St:
050		040.00		000

Value Information

Land Market Value:	\$196,500	Land Use Value:	\$49,800
Improvement Value:	\$388,000	Improvement Value:	\$388,000
Total Market Appraisal:	\$584,500	Total Use Appraisal:	\$437,800
		Assessment Percentage:	25%
		Assessment:	\$109,450

Subdivision Data

Subdivision:

KETRON PROP

Plat Book:

57

Plat Page:

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Block:

Lot:

Additional Information

General Information

Class: 11 - Agricultural

City #:

Special Service District 1: 000

District: 05

Number of Buildings: 1

Utilities - Water/Sewer: 03 - PUBLIC / INDIVIDUAL

Utilities - Gas/Gas Type: 00 - NONE

City:

Special Service District 2: 000

Neighborhood: A01

Number of Mobile Homes: 0

Utilities - Electricity: 01 - PUBLIC

Zoning: A-2

Outbuildings & Yard Items

Long OutBuilding & Yard Items list on subsequent pages

Sale Information

Long Sale Information list on subsequent pages

Land Information

Long Land Information list on subsequent pages

0020

Residential Building #: 2**Improvement Type:**

01 - SINGLE FAMILY

Exterior Wall:

04 - SIDING AVERAGE

Heat and AC:

7 - HEAT AND COOLING SPLIT

Quality:

1+ - AVERAGE +

Square Feet of Living Area:

1568

Foundation:

02 - CONTINUOUS FOOTING

Roof Framing:

02 - GABLE/HIP

Cabinet/Millwork:

03 - AVERAGE

Interior Finish:

07 - DRYWALL

Bath Tiles:

00 - NONE

Shape:

01 - RECTANGLE

Building Sketch**Stories:**

1.00

Actual Year Built:

2020

Plumbing Fixtures:

7

Condition:

AV - AVERAGE

Floor System:

04 - WOOD W/ SUB FLOOR

Roof Cover/Deck:

13 - PREFIN METAL CRIMPED

Floor Finish:

11 - CARPET COMBINATION

Paint/Decor:

03 - AVERAGE

Electrical:

03 - AVERAGE

Structural Frame:

00 - NONE

Building Areas

Areas	Square Feet
BAS - BASE	1,568
BMU - BASEMENT UNFINISHED	1,568
OPF - OPEN PORCH FINISHED	448

0021

Outbuildings & Yard Items

Building #	Type	Description	Acre/Units
1	GUD - DETACHED GARAGE UNFINISHED	12X18	228
1	GUD - DETACHED GARAGE UNFINISHED	12X17	204
1	SHD - SHED	8X11	88
1	SHD - SHED	12X22	264
1	ASH - ATTACHED SHED	8X17	135

Sale Information

Sale Date	Price	Book	Page	Vacant/Improved	Type Instrument	Qualification
1/16/2020	\$0	3386	448		GB - GREENBELT APPLICATION	
10/18/2019	\$170,000	3355	149	I - IMPROVED	WD - WARRANTY DEED	A - ACCEPTED
10/17/2019	\$0	3355	147		HR - AFFIDAVIT OF HEIRSHIP	
1/12/2005	\$0	2208C	667			
1/16/2004	\$0	2066C	592			
1/16/2004	\$0	2066C	588			
4/27/1934	\$0	20A	52			

Land Information

Deed Acres: 17.74

Land Code

Calculated Acres:

Total Land Units: 17.74

Land Code	Soil Class	Units
04 - IMP SITE		
46 - ROTATION	G	0.50
54 - PASTURE	A	3.24
62 - WOODLAND 2	P	4.00
		10.00

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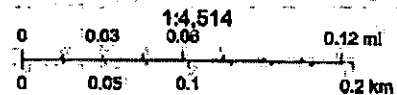
Sullivan County - Parcel: 050 040.00

0023



Date: July 13, 2026

County: SULLIVAN
Owner: FORD SAMMY J & LILLBETH CATURAN FORD
Address: HWY 394 1038
Parcel ID: 050 040.00
Deeded Acreage: 17.74
Calculated Acreage: 0
Vexcel Imagery Date: 2023



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- ☐ Parcel Numbers
- ☐ Parcel Lines
- Land Use Plan: 2006-2026**
- ☐ Ag / Single Fam
- ☐ Res
- ☐ Corridor
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Plan Corridor
- ☐ Comm
- ☐ Low Density Res

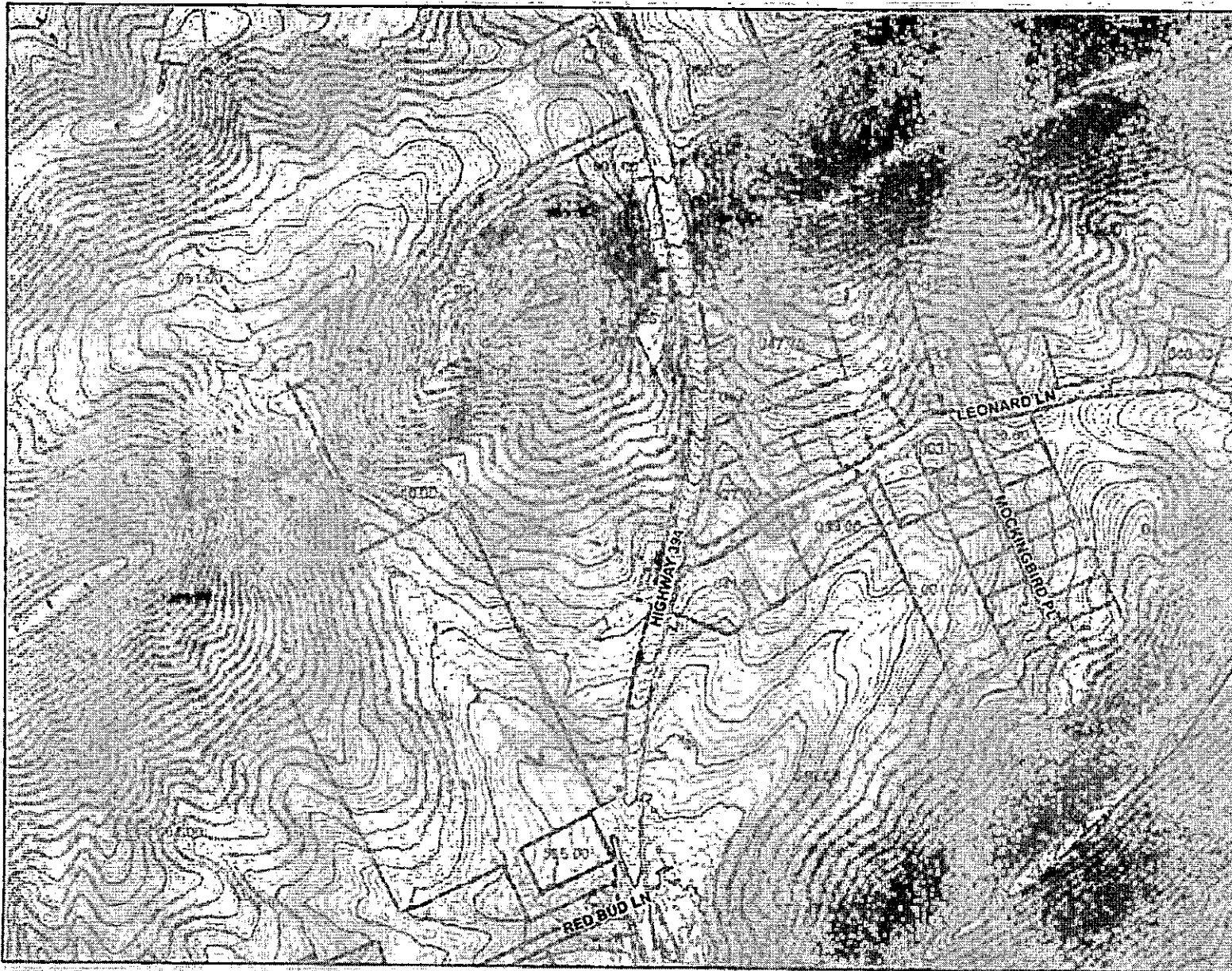
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Sullivan County, TN
 Planning and Codes Dept.

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) 2224
 Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) 2624
 Zone A - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone AE - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone X - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone V - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone D - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone H - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone M - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone P - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone R - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone S - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone T - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone U - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone V - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone W - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone X - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone Y - 1% Flood Hazard
 Zone Z - 1% Flood Hazard





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Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) 2024
 Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) 2024
 Zone A - No Special Flood Hazard Insurance
 Zone AE - Special Flood Hazard Insurance
 Zone X - Special Flood Hazard Insurance
 Zone V - Special Flood Hazard Insurance
 Zone D - Special Flood Hazard Insurance



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- ☐ Parcel Numbers
- ☐ Parcel Lines

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NOTICE

THIS PROPERTY IS
BEING CONSIDERED
FOR RE-ZONING
323-8440

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Case #2

R-1 to A-1

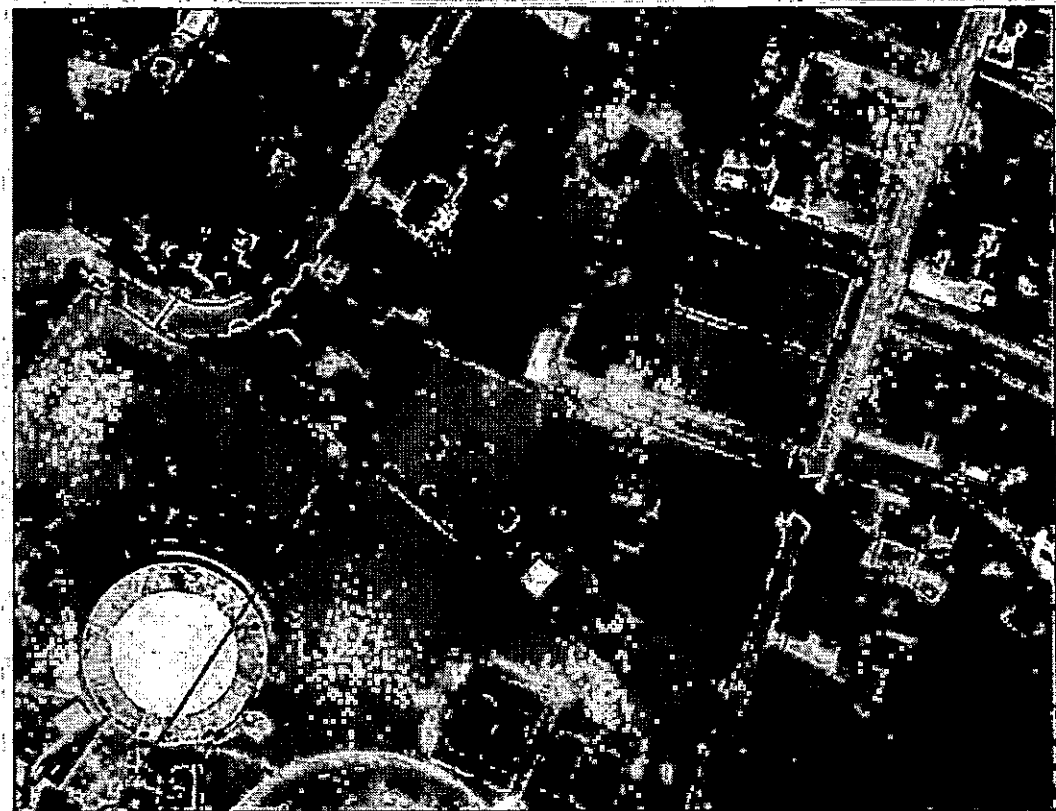
R-1 (Low Density/Single-Family Residential District) to A-1
(General Agricultural/Estate Residential District) for the
purpose of placing a single-wide on the property .
Tax Map 083C, Group A, Parcel 024.00.

for Chester Trivette Jr.

Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission
voted to send a favorable recommendation
to the County Commission

4118 Weaver Pike, Bristol

Civil District 21st
Commission District 4th
(Cole, Crosswhite, Leonard)



Sullivan County, TN
Planning and Codes Dept.

Feet
0 140



Address Data Source:
Sullivan County, TN Co 95
Bristol, TN 37620
Sullivan Co, TN Co 95
Bristol, TN 37620

Notes:
This is a map showing
other than the 2010 Census
map. It shows the 2010
census boundary map.
North and center of map
show boundary between
Sullivan and Davidson Co.
Sullivan Co, TN Co 95
Bristol, TN 37620
Sullivan Co, TN Co 95
Bristol, TN 37620

☐ County Line
☐ Lot Lines / Parcel
Hoods
Parcel Numbers
☐ Parcel Lines

0032

F1. Rezoning request from Chester H. Trivette Jr. to rezone their property located at 4118 Weaver Pike, Bristol, TN 37620 from R-1 (Low Density/Single-Family Residential District) to A-1 (General Agricultural/Estate Residential District). 0033

FINDINGS OF FACT—

Landowner:	Chester H. Trivette Jr.
Applicants:	Same
Representative:	Same
Location:	4118 Weaver Pike, Bristol, TN 37620
Mailing Address of Owners:	2323 Hickory Tree Road, Bluff City, TN 37618
Civil district:	04
Parcel ID:	Tax Map 083C, Group A, Parcel 024.00
Subdivision of Record:	William & Vivian Rader Est.
PC1101 Growth Boundary:	Sullivan County Rural Area
Airport Overlay Zone:	No
Existing Land Use of Lot:	Residential
Utility District:	South Fork
Public Sewer:	No
Flood Plain:	None
Existing Zoning:	R-1
Surrounding Zoning:	R-1/ A-1
Surrounding Land Uses:	Residential/Agricultural
2006 Land Use Plan:	R-1
Lot/Tract Acreage:	1.32 Acres
Neighborhood Opposition:	No

Staff Field Notes and Findings of Facts:

- The applicant has requested to rezone his property from R-1 to A-1.
- Staff visited the site to inspect and take pictures.
- The purpose of the rezoning request is to permit the placement of a single-wide manufactured home as a permanent residence on the property.
- The site is currently vacant.
- The surrounding area consists primarily of a mix of agricultural, residential, and rural land uses.
- The proposed rezoning does not appear to adversely affect adjacent properties or alter the overall character of the surrounding area.
- The request is compatible with the existing pattern of development and believes that the proposed A-1 zoning is appropriate for the property.
- Staff recommends approval of the request to rezone the property from R-1 to A-1, as the proposed zoning classification is compatible with surrounding land uses and will allow reasonable residential use of the property while maintaining the rural character of the area.

Meeting Notes at Planning Commission:

PETITION TO SULLIVAN COUNTY FOR REZONING

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

Date: 6-23-26

Property Owner: Chester H Trivette Jr

Address: 2323 Hickory Tree RD Bluff City TN 37618

Phone number: 423 367-2254 Email: CBluffcity@aol.com

Property Identification

Tax Map: 083C Group: A Parcel: 024.00
 Zoning Map: 18 Zoning District: R-1 Proposed District: A-1 Civil District: 21
 Property Location: 4118 Weaver Pike Bristol TN 37620 Commission District: 4
 Purpose of Rezoning: For single wide

Meetings

Planning Commission: Sullivan County Planning Commission

Place: Historic Courthouse 2nd floor Commission Chambers

Date: Aug 18 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Approved: _____

Denied: _____

County Commission:

Place: Historic Courthouse 2nd Floor Commission Chambers 3411 Highway 126, Blountville TN

Date: Sept 10 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Approved: ☒ _____

APPROVED 23 YES 1 ABSENT

Denied: _____

DEED RESTRICTIONS

I understand that rezoning does not release my property from the requirements of private deed/Subdivision restrictions. The undersign, being duly sworn, hereby acknowledges that the information provided in this petition to Sullivan County for Rezoning is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

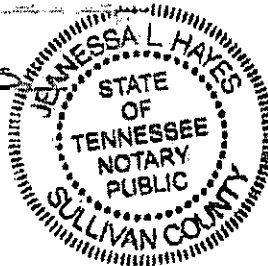
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\$2034

Owner's Signature: _____

Date: 6-23-26

Notary Public: _____

My Commission Expires: 12/28/2026



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 10 2026 1

8/20/2026

0035

8 Case 2
Vote

Description

Case 2) Chester H. Trivette Jr., 4118 Weaver Pike, Bristol, R-1 to A-1, for the purpose of placing a single-wide on the property. 4th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #2/Trivette

Vote on Case #2/Trivette

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:16:36 PM
Voting stop time 6:17:02 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
Total result	23	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Boomershine, Ty ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Derrick, Lakie ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Golden, Todd ()	X			
Harshbarger Jr, Bob ()	X			
Harvey, Kim ()	X			
Hayes, Josh ()	X			
Hodges, Stanley ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Johnson, Matthew ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
Pullon, Tim ()	X			

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 10 2026 1

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Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Thomas, Zac ()	X			
Thompson, Don ()	X			
Vance, Mark ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()				X

0036

Tennessee Property Assessment Data - Parcel Details Report - <https://assessment.cot.tn.gov/>

Sullivan (082)

Jan 1 Owner

Current Owner

WEAVER PIKE 4118

Tax Year 2026 | Reappraisal 2025

TRIVETTE CHESTER H JR
2321 HICKORY TREE RD
BLUFF CITY TN 37618

Ctrl Map:	Group:	Parcel:	PI:	St:
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Value Information

Land Market Value:	\$37,200
Improvement Value:	\$0
Total Market Appraisal:	\$37,200
Assessment Percentage:	25%
Assessment:	\$9,300

Subdivision Data

Subdivision:

WILLIAM & VIVIAN RADER EST

Plat Book:	Plat Page:	Block:	Lot:
6	235		2

Additional Information

General Information

Class: 00 - Residential	City:
City #:	Special Service District 2: 000
Special Service District 1: 000	Neighborhood: Z01
District: 21	Number of Mobile Homes: 0
Number of Buildings: 0	Utilities - Electricity: 01 - PUBLIC
Utilities - Water/Sewer: 03 - PUBLIC / INDIVIDUAL	Zoning: R-1
Utilities - Gas/Gas Type: 00 - NONE	

Outbuildings & Yard Items

Building #	Type	Description	Area/Units
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Sale Information

Long Sale Information list on subsequent pages

Land Information

Deed Acres: 1.32	Calculated Acres: 0	Total Land Units: 1.32
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Land Code	Soil Class	Units
01 - RES		1.32

0037

Sullivan County - Parcel: 083C A 024.00

0038



Date: June 23, 2026

County: SULLIVAN
Owner: TRIVETTE CHESTER H JR
Address: WEAVER PIKE 4118
Parcel ID: 083C A 024.00
Deeded Acreage: 1.32
Calculated Acreage: 0

1:1,128
0 0.01 0.01 0.03 mi
0 0.01 0.02 0.04 km

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- Current Zoning**

- ☒ A-1
- ☒ A-2
- ☒ B-3
- ☒ R-1
- ☒ R-2



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- ☒ Low Density Res
- ☒ Medium Density Res
- ☒ Res

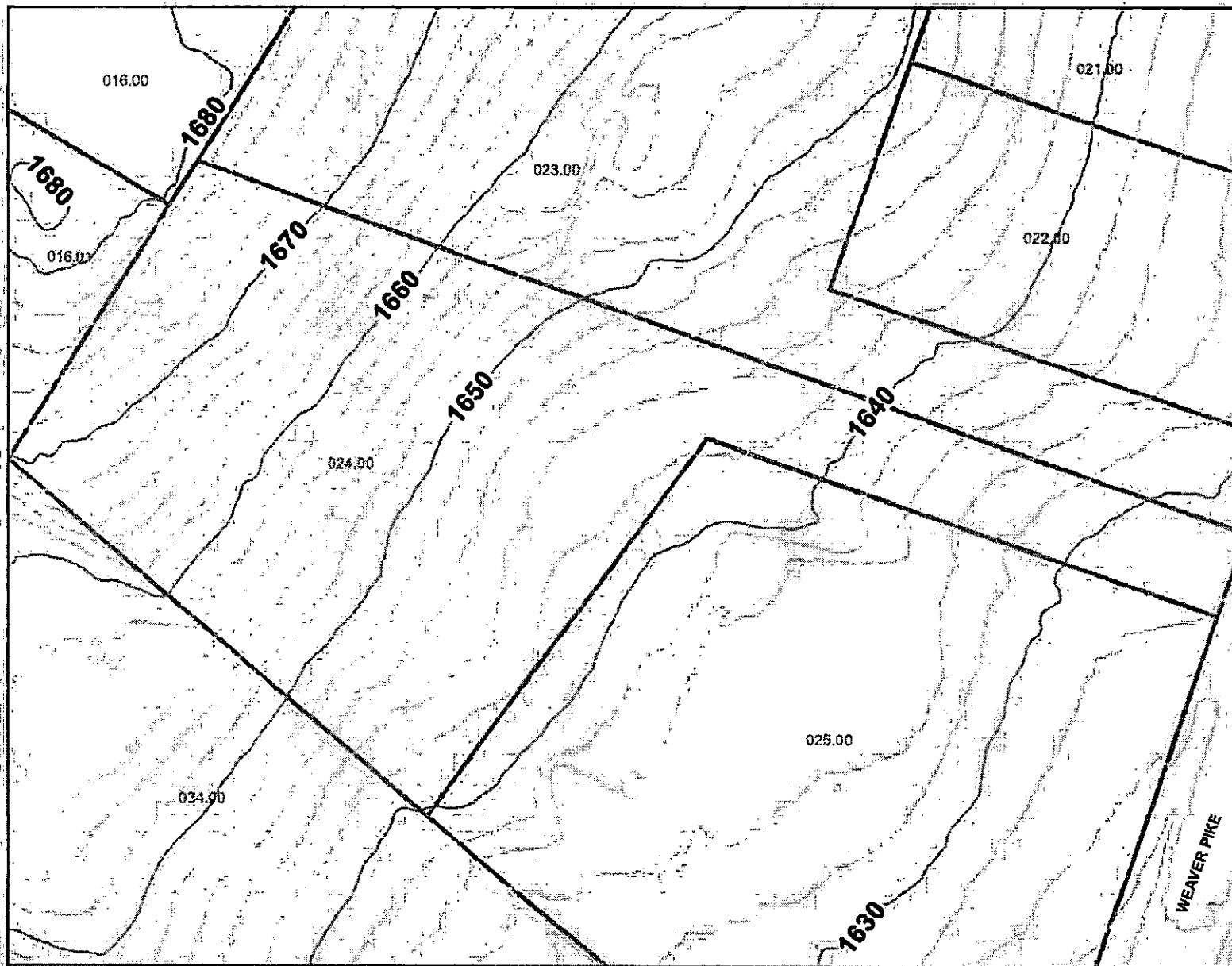


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Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) 2024 (Changes)
Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Change 1) 2024
 Zone A - 100 Year Flood (Severe) (Unshaded)
 Zone AE - 100 Year Flood (Severe) (Unshaded)
 Zone X - 1% PCT Annual Chance Flood (Shaded)
 Zone XE - 1% PCT Annual Chance Flood (Shaded)



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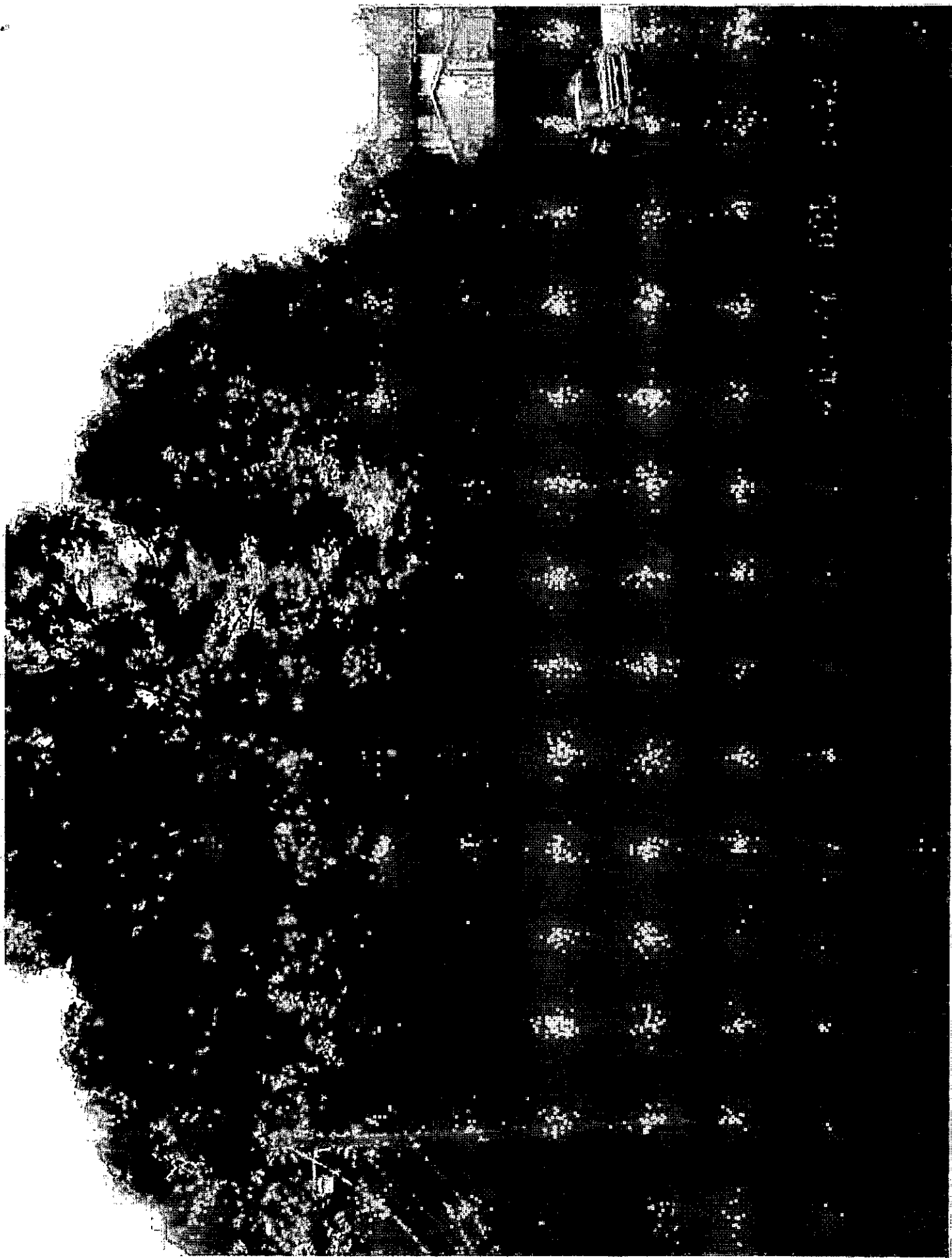
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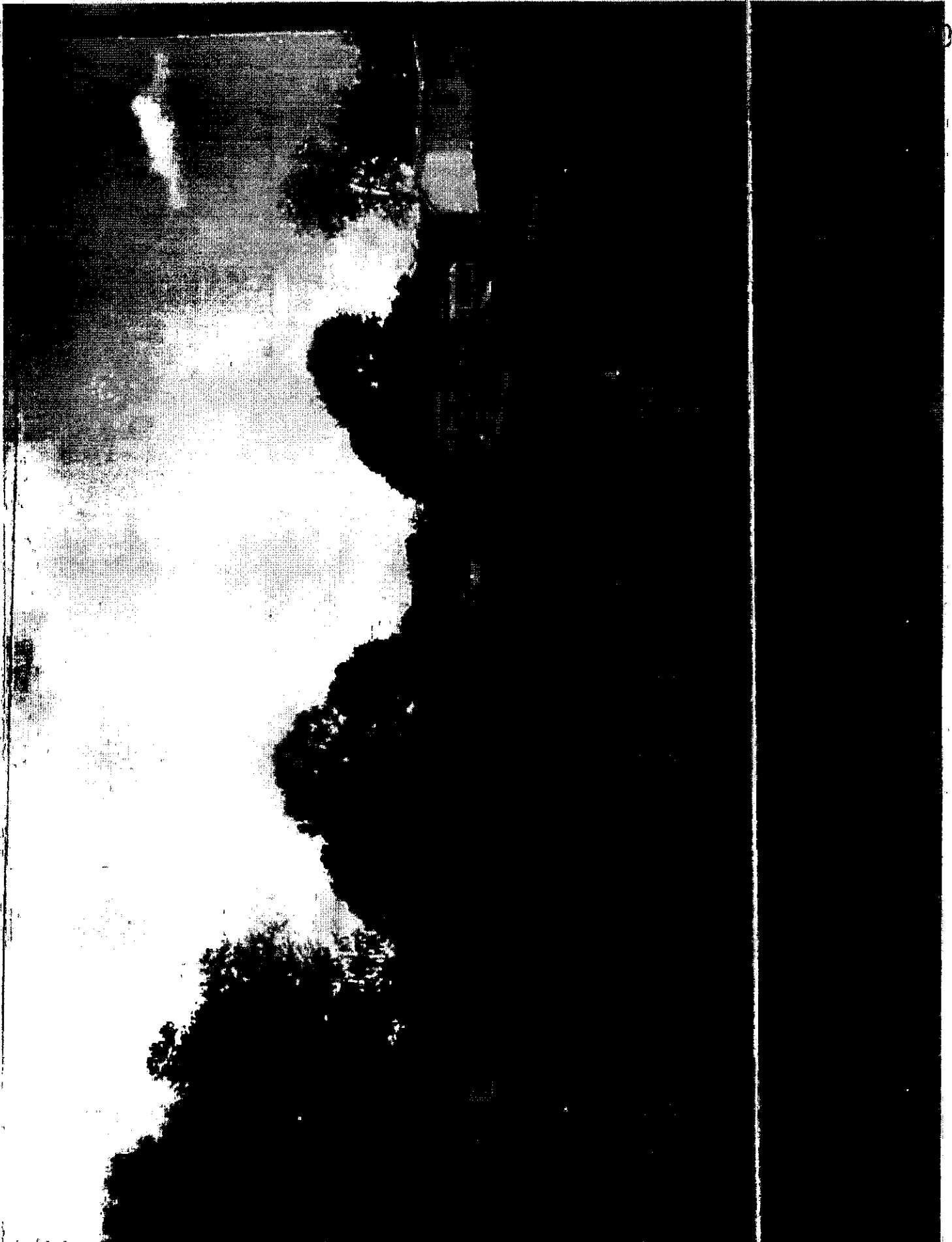
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Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Changes 2024
 Legend:
 0000 Zone AG - No Flood Hazard
 0001 Zone AG - Base Flood Elevation Unshaded
 0002 Zone AG - Base Flood Elevation Shaded
 0003 All PCT Areas Covered Flood Hazard
 0004 Floodway Areas in Zone AG







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***SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
246th Annual Session***

WORK SESSION

- ❖ Sullivan County Mayor Zane Vanover
- ❖ Proclamations: Charlie Kirk
- ❖ Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- ❖ Public Hearing on agenda items.
- ❖ Review of Old Business/Drafts of Potential New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjourn



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHARLIE KIRK

SEPTEMBER 10TH – CHARLIE KIRK DAY

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was an American activist, speaker, author, Christian, and founder of Turning Point USA, an organization established to identify, educate, train, and organize young Americans around principles including civic engagement, individual responsibility, free markets, and limited government; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk dedicated much of his life to encouraging young Americans to become informed, engaged, and active participants in the civic life of their communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, through Turning Point USA, Charlie Kirk created opportunities for students and young people to participate in public dialogue, debate ideas, develop leadership skills, and become involved in the civic process; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2025, Charlie Kirk was tragically killed while participating in a public speaking event at Utah Valley University, bringing an abrupt end to the life of a husband, father, and nationally recognized advocate for civic and political engagement; and

WHEREAS, September 10, 2026, marks the first anniversary of Charlie Kirk's assassination and provides an opportunity to honor his life and legacy by reaffirming the importance of peaceful civil discourse, free speech, civic responsibility, and the open exchange of ideas; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has recognized the importance of these principles through its partnership with Turning Point USA to expand opportunities for Tennessee high school students through their Club America department to participate in civic engagement and leadership through Turning Point USA's educational initiatives; and

WHEREAS, this partnership reflects a growing recognition that preparing young Tennesseans to understand government, participate in civic life, respectfully debate issues, love America, and

exercise their constitutional freedoms and God-given rights is an important investment in the future of our state; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly has further recognized Charlie Kirk's legacy by considering legislation designating September 10, 2026, as "Charlie Kirk Day"; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County recognizes that local government, legislative bodies, boards of education, schools, civic organizations, families, and community leaders each have an important role in encouraging informed citizenship, constitutional literacy, leadership, volunteerism, respectful discourse, and meaningful participation in our democratic process; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County believes that young people should be encouraged to learn about their government, understand their rights and responsibilities, respectfully engage with differing viewpoints, and develop the skills necessary to become responsible citizens and future leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ZANE VANOVER, MAYOR OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, on behalf of the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby recognize September 10 as CHARLIE KIRK DAY in Sullivan County, Tennessee, in remembrance of Charlie Kirk and in recognition of his efforts to encourage civic participation and leadership among young Americans.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners encourages our local legislative bodies, boards of education, schools, civic organizations, and community leaders to pursue opportunities that promote civic education, constitutional literacy, responsible citizenship, respectful public discourse, leadership development, and meaningful participation in our communities.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that Sullivan County supports efforts to provide young Tennesseans with opportunities to understand the principles and responsibilities of self-government and encourages the continued development of programs that prepare young people to become informed, engaged, and responsible citizens.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that Sullivan County encourages to see Club America, powered by Turning Point USA, represented in every high school across our beloved county.

BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED, that Sullivan County recognizes that Americans may disagree strongly on political and public issues, but the freedom to speak, debate, organize, participate, and peacefully advocate for one's beliefs is fundamental to our constitutional republic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of
Sullivan County, Tennessee to be affixed
in Blountville on this 10th day of September
2026.

John Gardner, Sullivan County Chairman

**SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COMMISSION – WORK SESSION
NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
September 10, 2026**

Name

Street Address

Email

1. Chuck Carter 455 W. Sullivan Street chuck.carter@sullivannc.net

2. _____

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SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COMMISSION – WORK SESSION
AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
September 10, 2026

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OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02

Sponsors: Carr/Gardner

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item 2 Resolution No. 2026-09-02

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE FY 2027 TN TUTORING GRANT FUNDS

Item 3 Resolution No. 2026-09-03

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE GRANT ROLLOVER FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES

Item 4 Resolution No. 2026-09-04

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR THE VOLUNTARY PRE K BUDGET IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND

Item 5 Resolution No. 2026-09-05

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson

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

Item 6 Resolution No. 2026-09-06

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES

Item 7 Resolution No. 2026-09-07

Sponsors: Akard/Vance

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$2,500,000 FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RURAL HEALTHCARE ACCESS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (RAMP).



Item 8 Resolution No. 2026-09-08

Sponsors: Locke/Gardner

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE BJA FY26 COSSUP GRANT FOR THE CROSS-STATE OVERDOSE RESPONSE, REPORTING, INTELLIGENCE & DATA FOR OPERATIONAL READINESS (CORRIDOR) PROJECT.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-09-09

Sponsors: Ireson/Carr

RESOLUTION, TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TIME PERIOD JUNE 30, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028, TO TREAT ALL EMPLOYEES WITH BETWEEN 23 AND 25 YEARS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY WHO ARE FORCED TO RETIRE AT AGE 60 PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION # 2024-11-02 (PASSED NOVEMBER 21, 2024) THE SAME FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS AS IF THEY HAD 25 YEARS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-09-10

Sponsors: Locke/Gardner

RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CONSTABLES TO FOURTEEN (14) MEMBERS, WITH TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS AND CONSTABLES FROM SEVEN (7) DISTRICTS



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.

CONTINUED



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

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: 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. 09/10/26 (Work Session) To be considered at the Regular Session on 09/17/26.



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Item 2
No. 2026-09-02

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE FY 2027 TN TUTORING GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools has been awarded the Fiscal Year 2027 TN Tutoring Grant in the amount of \$78,060.00 from the Tennessee Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be utilized to support tutoring initiatives, including instructional salaries, training, social security/medicare benefits, and instructional supplies for the Regular Instruction and Support Services programs; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires no local matching funds from Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has requested that these funds be formally accepted and appropriated into the school system's operating budget to align with the state-approved ePlan budget overview.

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 following revenue and expenditure appropriations:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590	Other State Education Funds	\$78,060.00
71100-189	Other Salaries & Wages	\$44,544.00
71100-201	Social Security	\$2,761.73
71100-212	Employer Medicare	\$646.55
71100-429	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	\$23,430.36



71100-499	Other Supplies & Mtls	\$2,177.36
72210-196	In-Service Training	\$4,000.00
72210-524	Staff Development	\$500.00

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 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

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Matthew Johnson

ACTIONS: 09/10/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 09/17/26.



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Item 3
No. 2026-09-03

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 2026.

RESOLUTION to Recognize Grant Rollover Funds from the State of Tennessee for Pre-Employment Transition Services

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has entered into a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Human Services for the provision of Pre-Employment Transition Services to Students with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the grant is intended to fund staff positions for transition case managers, transition coaches, and workplace readiness specialists to provide the five (5) Pre-Employment Transition Service activities as detailed in the grant contract; and

WHEREAS, the original grant period runs through September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, funds were remaining in the grant at the close of the 2025-2026 fiscal year that remain eligible for spending until September 30, 2026;

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 rollover funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the amount of \$49,037.06. The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590	Other State Education Funds	\$49,037.06
71200-100	Salaries	\$36,963.34
71200-200	Employee Benefits	\$12,073.72



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 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

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Matthew Johnson

ACTIONS: 09/10/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 09/17/26.



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Item 4
No. 2026-09-04

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR THE VOLUNTARY PRE K BUDGET IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools has been awarded the Voluntary Pre K Grant for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners previously recognized and approved an initial budget allocation within the General Purpose School Fund budget; 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 Pre K Grant funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46515-735	Early Childhood Education	+16,930.76
73400-116-735	Teachers	+16,931.00
73400-163-735	Educational Assistants	-0.24

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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 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

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Matthew Johnson

ACTIONS: 09/10/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 09/17/26.



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Item 5
No. 2026-09-05

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 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 approved an amendment through a resolution during the August 2026 regular session; and

WHEREAS, updated grant activities require a further 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
71300-429-725	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	+15,000.00
71300-449-725	Textbooks	-5,000.00
71300-471-725	Software	-5,000.00
72130-524-725	Staff Development	-5,000.00



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 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

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Matthew Johnson

ACTIONS: 09/10/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 09/17/26.



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Item 6
No. 2026-9-06

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 2026.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has entered into a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Human Services for the provision of Pre-Employment Transition Services to Students with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the grant is intended to fund staff positions for transition case managers, transition coaches, and workplace readiness specialists to provide the five (5) Pre-Employment Transition Service activities as detailed in the grant contract; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Sullivan County Department of Education to officially recognize, accept, and utilize these funds in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the grant contract;

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 amount of \$210,080. The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590	Other State Education Funds	\$210,080.00
71200-100	Salaries	\$158,336.72
71200-200	Employee Benefits	\$51,743.328

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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 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

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Matthew Johnson

ACTIONS: 09/10/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 09/17/26.



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Item 7

Resolution No. 2026-09-07

To the Honorable Zane Vanover Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September 2026.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$2,500,000 FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RURAL HEALTHCARE ACCESS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (RAMP).

WHEREAS the Tennessee Department of Health, administers the Rural Healthcare Access Modernization Program (RAMP) utilizing TennCare Shared Savings to strengthen healthcare infrastructure, expand service capacity, and improve healthcare delivery in rural Tennessee communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Regional Health Department seeks to enhance public health infrastructure, upgrade facilities, and expand vital community health services to better serve residents throughout Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the application for this grant requires no matching funds based on this award amount; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant will not require additional staffing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

SECTION 1. The Sullivan County Regional Health Department is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Tennessee Department of Health for the Rural Healthcare Access Modernization Program (RAMP) Grant in an amount up to \$2,500,000 to support capital infrastructure, modernization, and equipment.

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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 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

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner David Akard

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner: Mark Vance, Kim Harvey, Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 09/10/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 09/17/26.



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Item 8
Resolution No. 2026-09-08

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE THE BJA FY26 COSSUP GRANT FOR THE CROSS-STATE OVERDOSE RESPONSE, REPORTING, INTELLIGENCE & DATA FOR OPERATIONAL READINESS (CORRIDOR) PROJECT.

WHEREAS Sullivan County continues to face challenges regarding drug trends and overdose threats, particularly along the I-81 corridor, which is a well-known bi-directional drug trafficking route; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Regional Health Department has identified a critical need to enhance overdose surveillance and response capabilities through centralized data sharing and analytic reporting; and

WHEREAS, the CORRIDOR Project seeks to partner with the University of Baltimore and the CDC Foundation to develop a management portal and automated spike response alerts using the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP); and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Justice Assistance has made funding available through the FY26 Comprehensive Substance Use Site-Based Program with an anticipated award amount of \$1,300,000 over a 36-month project period; and

WHEREAS, the application for this grant requires no matching funds; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant will not require additional staffing;

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Regional Health Department will work with the Sullivan County Finance Department to appropriate the grant funds into the budget upon award;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

SECTION 1. Authorization for the Sullivan County Regional Health Department to submit an application for the BJA FY26 COSSUP grant and accept funds if awarded in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the CORRIDOR Project.

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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 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

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner: Hunter Locke

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner: John Gardner

ACTIONS: 09/10/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 09/17/26.



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Item 9
Resolution No. 2026-09-09

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September 2026.

RESOLUTION, TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TIME PERIOD JUNE 30, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028, TO TREAT ALL EMPLOYEES WITH BETWEEN 23 AND 25 YEARS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY WHO ARE FORCED TO RETIRE AT AGE 60 PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION # 2024-11-02 (PASSED NOVEMBER 21, 2024) THE SAME FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS AS IF THEY HAD 25 YEARS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, as a retirement benefit for its employees, Sullivan County helps provide medical insurance coverage during retirement for employees who qualify based on age and years of full-time employment with Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution # 2024-11-02, passed November 21, 2024, by the County Commission of Sullivan County, Sullivan County established a mandatory retirement age of Sixty (60) for all its firefighters, police officers, and correctional officers, as well as for all its employees who have been transferred from such a position to a supervisory or administrative position within their respective agency, subject to the terms and conditions of TCA §8-36-205; and

WHEREAS, there is a perceived lack of timely notice to employees identified above who are forced to retire, thereby arguably putting such employees at some degree of disadvantage in making appropriate plans;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby declares that between June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2028, all Sullivan County employees, as identified above, with 23-25 years of full-time employment as of the date they are forced to retire because of Resolution # 2024-11-02, be provided with the same medical insurance coverage provided as a retirement benefit to employees who have a full 25 years of full-time employment. This Resolution shall be effective for the time period of June 30, 2026, through June 30, 2028 only, and shall expire without further action at the end of June 30, 2028.



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

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson

Cosponsor: Commissioner Joe Carr

ACTIONS: 09/10/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 09/17/26.



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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-09-10

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September 2026.

RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FOURTEEN (14) MEMBERS WITH TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS ELECTED FROM SEVEN (7) DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 1 of the Tennessee Constitution Article 7, Section 1 of the Tennessee Constitution and Tennessee Code Annotated Section 5-1-111 requires that the legislative body of the several counties of the State of Tennessee shall meet and, a majority of the members being present and concurring, shall change the boundaries of districts, or redistrict a county entirely if necessary, to apportion the county legislative body so that the members represent substantially equal populations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 5-1-111, the Sullivan County Commission established the boundaries for seven (7) board of education districts that were of substantially equal populations with the adoption of resolution number 2021-10-98 on October 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 5-1-111, the Sullivan County Commission is hereby changing the boundaries of the legislative districts to the boundaries for the seven (7) board of education districts as established in resolution number 2021-10-98 adopted by the Sullivan County Commission on October 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the total number of commissioners shall be fourteen (14) with two (2) members elected from within and representing each of the seven (7) districts; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the provisions of *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 5-1-111, Sullivan County has prepared an official map setting forth the geographical boundaries for seven (7) Sullivan County Commission Districts pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 5-1-110.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Legislative Body meeting in Regular Session at Blountville, Tennessee, on this ____ day of ____, 2026, hereby authorize that:

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SECTION 1. There is hereby adopted a district map for Sullivan County which provides for fourteen (14) commissioners, with two (2) commissioners in each district. The districts for members of the county legislative body are depicted on the official map for Sullivan County prepared pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 5-1-110. A copy of the official map is attached as *Exhibit A* to this resolution and is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. All members of the county legislative body shall be elected at large within the district wherein the candidate seeks election. The two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in each district shall be elected.

SECTION 3. That the new boundaries for the districts as defined in *Exhibit A*, with two (2) members elected from each district for a total of fourteen (14) members shall be effective for the regularly scheduled election for the Sullivan County Commission in August 2030, and nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as abridging the status of any office holder prior to the end of such person's current term of office. That the Mayor shall notify the Sullivan County Election Commission of this action and provide any additional information that may be requested. That Sullivan County shall print *Exhibit A* and a legal description in a newspaper of general circulation in order to properly advise the citizens of Sullivan County of these changes. Provided that vacancies shall be filled in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 5-1-104.

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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 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

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

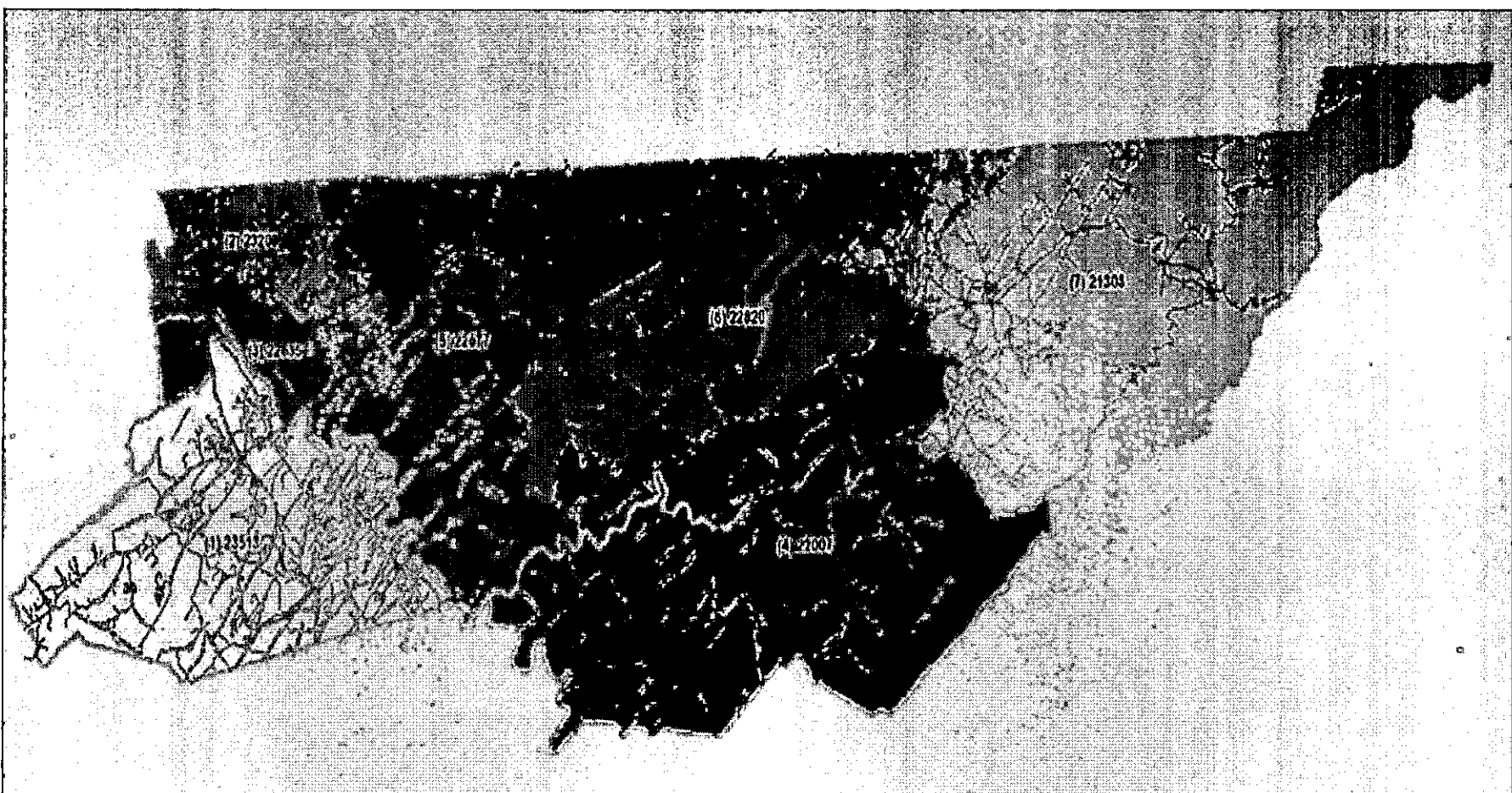
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Hunter Locke

Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 09/10/26 Sponsor to withdraw at Regular Session 09/17/26

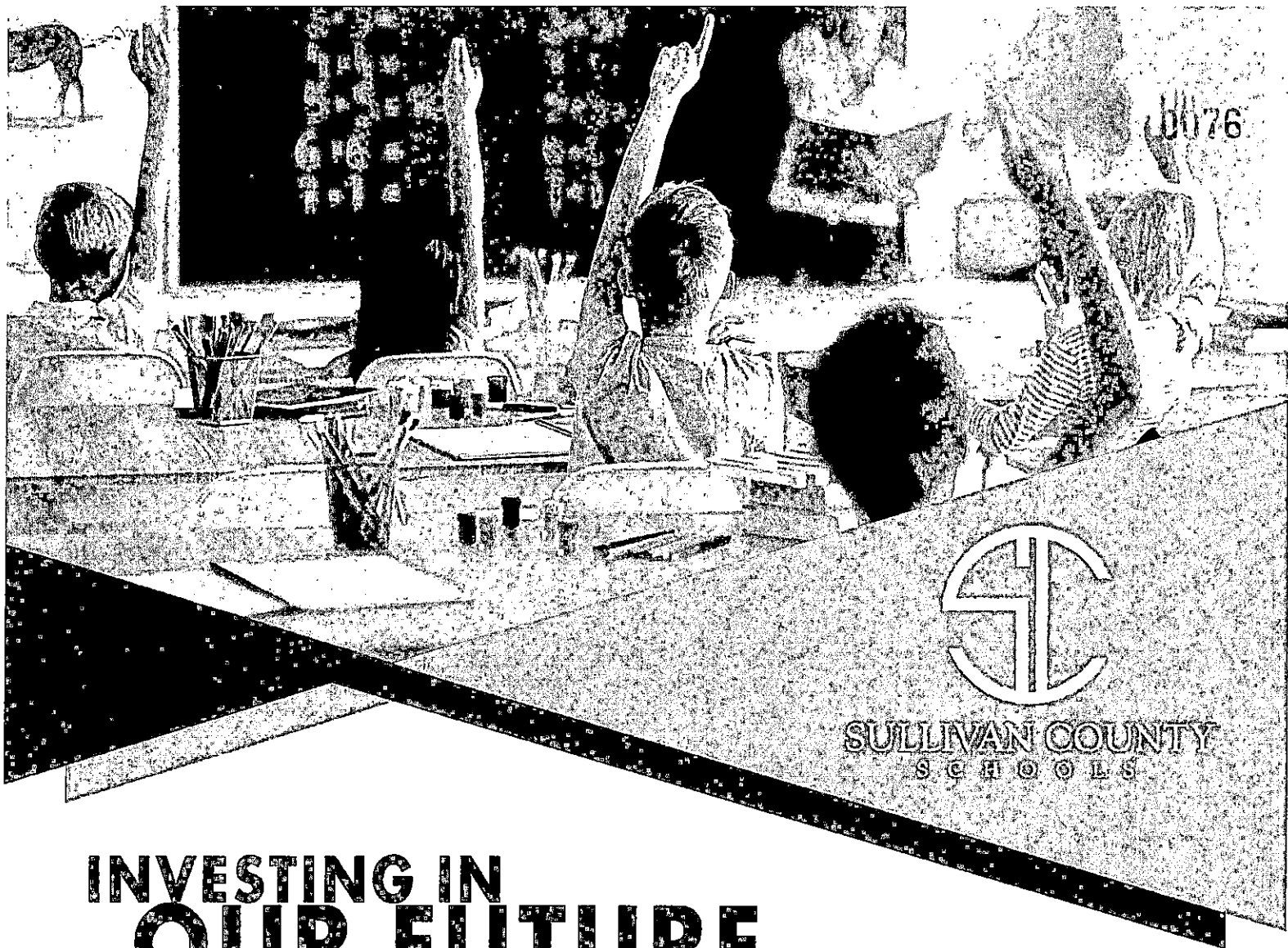




**Sullivan County Board of Commissioners Committee Assignments
FY 2026-2027**

Administrative	Budget	Executive
<i>Address Utility Issues</i>	<i>Larry Bailey, Ex Officio</i> <i>Serves As Delinquent Tax & Title VI Cmte & Insurance</i>	<i>Oversees Youth Home</i>
Building Committee	Beverage Board	Infrastructure Committee
	<i>Serves As Adult-Oriented Est. Board</i>	
Agriculture Extension Committee	Historic Preservation Advisory Committee	Ethics Committee
	Betsy Carrier, Citizen Jim Hager, Citizen Zane Vanover, County Mayor Angela Crane, Marketing Associate Matthew Johnson, Archivist	Jason Booher, Administrator of Elections Angela Taylor, Trustee Bobby Russell, Circuit Court Clerk
Observation Knob Park Committee		Bays Mountain Park Committee
		Opioid Adviosry Committee
Integrated Emergency Preparedness		
Jim Bean, EMA Director		
Audit Committee	Liaison to City Governments	Sullivan County Library Board
	Bluff City	
	Bristol	
Financial Management Committee	Kingsport	
Zane Vanover, County Mayor Larry Bailey, Finance Director Craig Ramey, Commissioner of Highways Chuck Carter, Director of Schools		Public Records Commission <i>Katie Preister, Chancellor</i> Zane Vanover, County Mayor Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk Sheena Tinsley, Register of Deeds Betsy Carrier, Citizen
Education Committee	Historic Zoning Commission	Matthew Johnson, Archivist Tony Galloway, Historian
	Planning Commission	Pre-Hospital Care Committee
	Blountville Athletic Park Committee	
<i>Chuck Carter & Larry Bailey Ex Officio</i>		

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INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

A Shared Training/Conversation
for Sullivan County Schools



Monday, September 28th
Beginning at 8:30 a.m.



Sullivan County Finance
Office
(old cafeteria)

Lunch will be provided. RSVP to kristi.kingesullivank12.net
by Sept. 21st for meal purposes.

THE MAN IN THE ARENA

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt

April 23, 1910

Days 1–30: Stabilize, Listen, and Assess

Primary objective: ensure continuity, establish expectations, understand current conditions, and identify matters requiring immediate mayoral attention.

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✓	Action Item	Responsible Person	Target Date	Completed	Notes / Evidence
☐	Hold the first Department Head Meeting; communicate expectations for transparency, communication, professionalism, responsiveness, accountability, and cooperation.	Mayor's Office	Sept. 14	☐	Agenda sent
☐	Establish recurring Department Head Meetings and an executive leadership meeting cadence.	Mayor's Office	Sept. 14	☐	Monthly Mtg added to calendar
☐	Meet individually with department heads and key elected officials to identify immediate concerns, priorities, and interdepartmental dependencies.	Mayor's Office	TBD	☐	Will schedule after Sept. 14
☐	Distribute and collect the Department Head Assessment Form included in this plan.	Mayor's Office	Sept. 10	X	Sent out with invite to 9/14 mtg
☐	Confirm Mayor's Office organizational structure, staff roles, delegated responsibilities, and internal chain of communication.	Mayor's Office	Sept. 30	☐	Clarify existing job descriptions
☐	Review the next 90 days of County Commission and committee calendars, appointments, and required actions.	Mayor's Office	Sept. 30	☐	
☐	Inventory all open grants and identify those requiring a change in Authorized Official, AOR, signatory, portal user, certification, or contact information.	Grant Coordinator	Sept 10	X	Email sent to all fed and state departments on open grants
☐	Complete the Signatory Transition Checklist for banking, grants, state/federal agencies, contracts, procurement systems, insurance, and other external relationships.	Purchasing Finance	Sept. 30	☐	Have Misty contact finance
☐	Identify pending reimbursements, grant reports, grant closeouts, match obligations, and time-sensitive procurement requirements.	Grant Coordinator	Sept. 10	X	
☐	Review current budget status, major encumbrances, unusual expenditures, cash-flow concerns, and known budget amendments.	Finance	Sept. 30	☐	
☐	Identify contracts, leases, MOUs, subscriptions, maintenance agreements, and insurance policies expiring or renewing within 12 months.	Payroll	Sept. 30	☐	
☐	Identify active procurements, bids, RFQs/RFPs, purchase commitments, and projects already authorized but not completed.	Purchasing	Sept. 20	☐	
☐	Review pending claims, litigation, audit findings, corrective actions, compliance matters, and known risk exposures with appropriate officials/counsel.	County Attorney	Sept. 30	☐	
☐	Identify critical staffing vacancies, succession risks, hard-to-fill positions, and immediate personnel concerns.	Mayor's Office Dept Heads	ongoing	☐	Inquiries during meetings this month.
☐	Review cybersecurity, IT continuity, system administrator access, records retention, and emergency access protocols.	IT	Sept. 30	☐	
☐	Confirm continuity for payroll, accounts payable, purchasing, banking, emergency response, and other essential functions.	Mayor's Office Finance	Sept. 15	☐	
☐	Establish a Mayor's Action Item Log and begin using the Project Tracker in this plan.	Mayor's Office	Sept. 30	☐	

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The following two resolutions were passed out to the commission by Commissioner Joe Carr who informed the commission he would be bringing these forth for consideration at the regular meeting on September 17, 2026.

A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE CITIZENS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY AND PROHIBIT THE WARRANTLESS USE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 7 of the Tennessee Constitution strictly mandates: "That the people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers and possessions, from unreasonable searches and seizures; and that general warrants, whereby an officer may be commanded to search suspected places, without evidence of the fact committed, or to seize any person or persons not named, whose offences are not particularly described and supported by evidence, are dangerous to liberty and ought not be granted"; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Supreme Court has routinely affirmed that Article I, Section 7 provides broader and more robust privacy protections to the citizens of Tennessee than those afforded by the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) § 55-10-302 defines an "automated license plate recognition system" as one or more fixed high-speed cameras combined with computer algorithms to convert images of license plates into computer-readable data; and

WHEREAS, Automated License Plate Readers such as Bristol's Motorola and Kingsport's Flock cameras continuously and indiscriminately scan, record, and store location data, as well as the make, model, and identifying features of all vehicles and travelers on Sullivan County roadways.

WHEREAS, this mass, suspicionless, indiscriminate collection of citizens' movements creates a digital dragnet, fundamentally indistinguishable in its nature and effect from the "general warrants" explicitly condemned as "dangerous to liberty" by the framers of the Tennessee Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the continuous, unblinking surveillance of these cameras subjects citizens to searches of their locations and patterns of life without prior "evidence of the fact committed," and targets individuals "whose offences are not particularly described and supported by evidence"; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County citizens have unalienable rights given to them by their Creator to go about their lives without being subjected to warrantless mass surveillance while driving through the most populous areas of our county; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission has a solemn and sworn duty to uphold the Tennessee Constitution and to defend the inherent liberties, privacy rights, and constitutional protections of all citizens residing or traveling within its jurisdictional boundaries.

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1 of the Tennessee Constitution declares that all power is inherent in the people, and that for the advancement of their peace, safety, and happiness, they possess an unalienable and inalienable right to alter or reform their government in such manner as they may think proper; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities deploy warrantless mass surveillance that treads on the constitutional rights of the people protected under Article I, Section 7, this Board has a duty to act as the legislative voice of the people to reform such overreach; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, that the use of ALPRs for the suspicionless, mass collection of vehicle and location data is hereby declared equivalent to a general warrant, and is therefore a violation of Article I, Section 7 of the Tennessee Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Article I, Section 7 of the Tennessee Constitution, no law enforcement agency, municipality, or government entity operating within Sullivan County shall fund, deploy, maintain, or access data from any ALPR system to monitor public roadways without a particularized search warrant signed by a neutral magistrate based upon probable cause of a specific crime.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sullivan County, including all of its departments, agencies, and personnel, shall not fund, participate in, or access warrantless municipal ALPR data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to vigorously defend this resolution, and the constitutional rights of the citizens of Sullivan County, against any municipal, corporate, or legal challenge that seeks to maintain warrantless dragnet surveillance within the borders of this County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any portion of this resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other portion of this resolution.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026

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 _____, 2026, at or about the following time ____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of
_____ 2026, at or about the following time _____ by the following method:
_____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner: Joe Carr
Co-Sponsors: Commissioner: Lakie Derrick

**A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A TRIGGER LAW BANNING ALL AUTOMATED
LICENSE PLATE READERS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY, TO TAKE EFFECT AS SOON AS
GIVEN AUTHORITY BY EITHER THE STATE LEGISLATURE OR CONGRESS**

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WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) § 55-10-302 defines an "automated license plate recognition system" as one or more fixed high-speed cameras combined with computer algorithms to convert images of license plates into computer-readable data; and

WHEREAS, the indiscriminate and continuous collection of location and vehicular data by automated license plate recognition systems poses significant risks to the privacy, security, and unalienable rights of the people of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the deployment of this technology creates an infrastructure capable of warrantless surveillance and the mass tracking of individuals going about their lawful daily activities without probable cause or reasonable suspicion; and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 7 of the Tennessee Constitution guarantees "that the people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and possessions, from unreasonable searches and seizures," and that searches "without evidence of the fact committed," or targeting "persons not named, whose offenses are not particularly described and supported by evidence, are dangerous to liberty;" and

WHEREAS, with the proliferation of ALPR cameras, their reliance on artificial intelligence, and the ever-increasing capabilities of AI, it is the duty of this Commission to protect our citizens from the implications of these technologies and mitigate potential future risks; and

WHEREAS, the recent United States Supreme Court cases of *Carpenter v. United States* and *Chatrue v. United States*, as well as potential state and federal legislation, leave the future of this technology in doubt; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners believes that the fundamental right to privacy and freedom from pervasive surveillance are essential liberties that local government has a duty to fiercely protect; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners seeks to proactively establish local policy to protect its residents, ensuring that a complete and total ban on such surveillance technology takes place at the earliest permitted time; and

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

SECTION 1. ENACTMENT OF TRIGGER BAN. This Board of Commissioners hereby implements a Trigger Law banning the use of all Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) by all entities, public or private, as well as the usage of data obtained from such technology within Sullivan County. This prohibition is set to take effect the moment this Board of Commissioners is legally given the authority to do so by either the State Legislature or Congress.

SECTION 2. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS AND DATA DESTRUCTION. Upon the legal activation of this resolution as outlined in Section 1, any public or private entity operating an Automated License Plate Recognition system within Sullivan County shall cease all data collection operations immediately. All such physical devices shall be removed from public rights-of-way and public property within thirty (30) days of the triggering date, and all previously captured plate data not part of an active criminal investigation shall be immediately destroyed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it, with the specific enforcement of the ALPR prohibition delayed only until the conditions of Section 1 are met.

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 _____, 2026, at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____ 2026, at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner: Joe Carr

Co-Sponsors: Commissioner: Lakie Derrick

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AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER IRESON TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2026.



JOHN T. GARDNER

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN