

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WERE COMMISSIONER JOHN GARDNER, CHAIRMAN, AND TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by Co. Attorney Josh Rose. Deputy Dustin Joyner opened the commission, and Commissioner Crawford gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Commissioner Jones.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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

21 PRESENT, 3 ABSENT

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: CARR, CROSS, VANCE

NOTE: CARR IN AT 6:05, VANCE IN AT 6:08

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. Johnson to approve the minutes of the Rezoning Hearing/Work Session held on August 13, 2026, and the minutes of the Regular Session held on August 20, 2026.

Approved 23 Yes, 1 Absent.

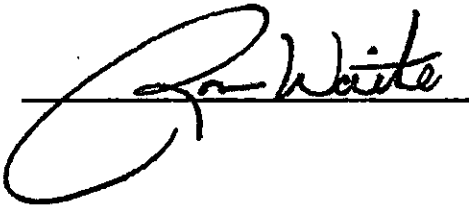
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TIMES NEWS**

701 Lynn Garden Drive • Kingsport
County of Sullivan, State of Tennessee

I, Ron Waite, being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and state that I am the publisher of the Times News, a daily newspaper published in the City of Kingsport, County of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee. This Legal Notice contains a true and correct copy of what was published in the regular edition of said newspaper, in consecutive issues on the following dates:

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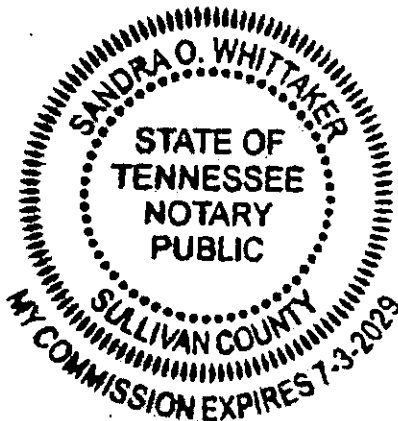


Ron Waite

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**

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

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Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 17 2026

9/17/2026

4 Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk
Roll Call

0089

Description

Roll Call

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:00:19 PM
Voting stop time 6:01:07 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	
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 17, 2026
 6:00 p.m.

September 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
- ❖ Annual Election and Appointment of officers
 - 1) Chairman of the Commission
 - 2) Chairman Pro Tempore
 - 3) Deputy Chair
 - 4) Election of Financial Management Committee (3)

Josh Rose, as designated presiding officer, will conduct the election of officers. Following the election, the newly elected Chairman of the Commission will assume the chair and preside over the remainder of the meeting.

- ❖ Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: August 13, 2026, Rezoning Hearing; August 20, 2026, Monthly Meeting
- ❖ Appointments, Presentations, and Recognitions.
 - 1) Appointment of Jordan Carrier to the South Fork Utility District Board of Directors.
 - 2) Appointment of Joshua Barrett to the South Fork Utility District Board of Directors.
 - 3) Reappointment of Steven Hobbs to the Regional Planning Commission
 - 4) Reappointment of Laura McMillan to the Regional Planning Commission
 - 5) Reappointment of Darlene Calton to the Regional Planning Commission
 - 6) Presentation(s): 4H Clover Bowl 1st Place Winners; Sophie Perry, Sabella Baker, Ellie Carpenter, Olivia Bishop
- ❖ Approval of Notaries Public
- ❖ Public Comment on agenda items.
- ❖ Public Comment on non-agenda items.
- ❖ Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment



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Election of Chairman and Chairman Pro-Tempe

Nominations for Chairman:

- Comm. Hunter Locke nominated Comm. John Gardner.
Second by Comm. Joyce Crosswhite
- Comm. Michael Cole moved nominations cease.

Roll call vote taken and approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent (voting results follow)

Comm. John Gardner elected as Chairman of Sullivan County Board of Commissioners for 2026-2027.

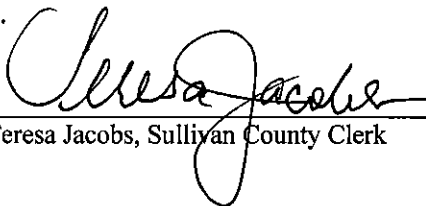
Nominations for Chairman Pro-Tempore:

- Comm. Matthew Johnson made a motion to nominate Comm. Michael Cole.
Second by Comm. Sam Jones
- Comm. Mark Ireson moved nominations cease.

Roll call vote taken and approved 23 Yes 1 Absent (voting results follow)

Comm. Michael Cole elected as Chairman Pro-Tempore of Sullivan County Board of Commissioners for 2026-2027.

Said elections were confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of September 2026.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk



ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE

0092

Comm. Locke made a motion to nominate Comm. Gardner. Seconded by Comm. Crosswhite
Comm. Cole moved nominations cease

ABSENT		YES		NO		ABSTAIN		PASS
	AKARD	X						
	BOOMERSHINE	X						
	CARR	X						
	COLE	X						
	CRAWFORD	X						
X	CROSS							
	CROSSWHITE	X						
	DERRICK	X						
	GARDNER	X						
	GOLDEN	X						
	HARSHBARGER	X						
	HARVEY	X						
	HAYES	X						
	HODGES	X						
	IRESON	X						
	JOHNSON	X						
	JONES	X						
	KING	X						
	LOCKE	X						
	PULLON	X						
	THOMAS	X						
	THOMPSON	X						
X	VANCE							
	WARD	X						
2		22						
ABSENT		YES		NO		ABSTAIN		PASS

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM POR

ROLL CALL VOTE

0093

Comm. Johnson made a motion to nominate Comm. Cole. Seconded by Comm. Jones

Comm. Ireson moved nominations cease. Seconded by Comm. Crawford

ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	PASS
	AKARD	X		
	BOOMERSHINE	X		
	CARR	X		
	COLE	X		
	CRAWFORD	X		
X	CROSS			
	CROSSWHITE	X		
	DERRICK	X		
	GARDNER	X		
	GOLDEN	X		
	HARSHBARGER	X		
	HARVEY	X		
	HAYES	X		
	HODGES	X		
	IRESON	X		
	JOHNSON	X		
	JONES	X		
	KING	X		
	LOCKE	X		
	PULLON	X		
	THOMAS	X		
	THOMPSON	X		
	VANCE	X		
	WARD	X		

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ABSENT

23

YES

NO

ABSTAIN

PASS

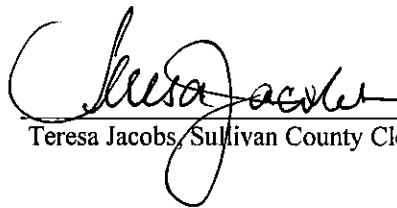
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Election of Deputy Chair

Comm. Sam Jones made a motion to eliminate the position of Deputy Chair. Second by Comm. Don Thompson.

Roll Call vote taken and approved 18 Yes, 5 No, 1 Absent (voting results follow)



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk



ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

ROLL CALL VOTE

0095

Comm. Jones made a motion to ELIMINATE the position of Deputy Chair

Seconded by Comm. Thompson

ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	PASS
	AKARD	X		
	BOOMERSHINE	X		
	CARR	X		
	COLE	X		
	CRAWFORD	X		
X	CROSS			
	CROSSWHITE	X		
	DERRICK	X		
	GARDNER		X	
	GOLDEN		X	
	HARSHBARGER	X		
	HARVEY	X		
	HAYES	X		
	HODGES	X		
	IRESON	X		
	JOHNSON		X	
	JONES	X		
	KING		X	
	LOCKE	X		
	PULLON	X		
	THOMAS	X		
	THOMPSON	X		
	VANCE	X		
	WARD		X	

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ABSENT

18

YES

5

NO

ABSTAIN

PASS

Election of Financial Management Committee

Nominations:

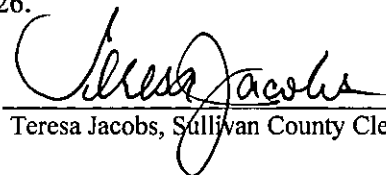
- Comm. Stanley Hodges nominated Comm. Mark Vance.
- Comm. Mark Ireson nominated Comm. Travis Ward.
- Comm. Josh Hayes nominated Comm. Joyce Crosswhite.
- Comm. Hunter Locke nominated Comm. Kim Harvey.
- Comm. Travis Ward nominated Comm. Mark Ireson.
- Comm. Michael Cole nominated Comm. Sam Jones.
- Comm. Tim Pullon nominated Comm. Matthew Johnson.

Comm. Michael Cole moved nominations cease, second by Comm. Larry Crawford

Roll call vote taken: Vance 11, Ward 17, Crosswhite 5, Harvey 8, Ireson 14, Jones 7, and Johnson 7 (voting results follow).

Commissioners Vance, Ward, and Ireson were elected to the Financial Management Committee for 2026-2027.

Said elections were confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of September 2026.


Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk



Election of Financial Management Committee

Comm. Hodges nom. Comm. Vance/Comm. Ireson nom. Comm. Ward/Comm. Hayes nom. Comm. Crosswhite/Comm. Locke nom. Comm. Harvey/Comm. Ward nom. Comm. Ireson/Comm. Cole nom. Comm. Jones/Comm. Pullon nom. Comm. Johnson
Comm. Cole moved nominations cease. Seconded by Comm. Crawford

ABSENT		Vance	Ward	Crosswhite	Harvey	Ireson	Jones	Johnson
	AKARD	X	X		X			
	BOOMERSHINE		X		X			X
	CARR		X	X		X		
	COLE		X				X	X
	CRAWFORD		X		X	X		
X	CROSS							
	CROSSWHITE		X	X			X	
	DERRICK	X	X			X		
	GARDNER	X	X			X		
	GOLDEN	X		X		X		
	HARSHBARGER	X				X		X
	HARVEY		X		X	X		
	HAYES	X	X	X				
	HODGES	X	X			X		
	IRESON		X		X	X		
	JOHNSON	X	X					X
	JONES		X			X	X	
	KING		X	X				X
	LOCKE		X		X	X		
	PULLON	X					X	X
	THOMAS	X					X	X
	THOMPSON				X	X	X	
	VANCE	X	X			X		
	WARD				X	X	X	
1		11	17	5	8	14	7	7

ABSENT

Commissioners Vance, Ward and Ireson were elected to the Financial Mgm't Committee

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 17 2026

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6 Approval of Minutes
Vote

0098

Description

Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's:
August 13, 2026, Rezoning Hearing; August 20, 2026, Monthly Meeting

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:42:16 PM

Voting stop time 6:42:36 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Vote result

Motion to approve by Comm. Crawford
Seconded by Comm. Johnson

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			

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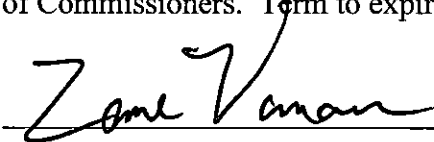
Before the Mayor of Sullivan County, Tennessee

**IN RE: South Fork Utility District
Sullivan County, Tennessee**

WHEREAS, the South Fork 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; and

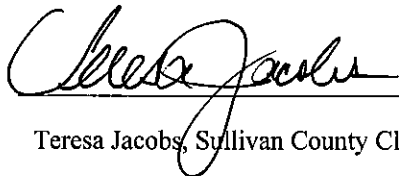
WHEREAS, the South Fork District Board of Commissioners further certifies that the nominee, Jordan Carrier is qualified and has agreed to serve on the Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Zane Vanover, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307 that nominee, Jordan Carrier shall be appointed to the South Fork Utility District Board of Commissioners. Term to expire as per the by-laws of the utility district.



Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of September 2026.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Commissioner Hayes made a motion to approve the nomination. Seconded by Commissioner Cole.
Approved 23 Yes, 1 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 17 2026

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7 Appointments
Vote

0100

Description

Jordan Carrier to the South Fork Utility District Board of Directors

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:44:04 PM
Voting stop time 6:44:25 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			

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Before the Mayor of Sullivan County, Tennessee

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Sullivan County, Tennessee**

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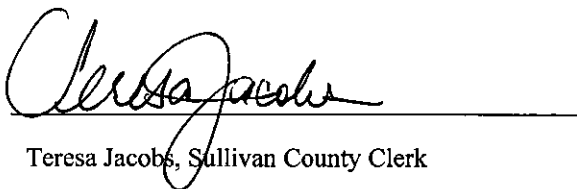
WHEREAS, the South Fork District Board of Commissioners further certifies that the nominee, Joshua Barrett is qualified and has agreed to serve on the Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Zane Vanover, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307 that nominee, Joshua Barrett shall be reappointed to the South Fork Utility District Board of Commissioners. Term to expire as per the by-laws of the utility district.



Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of September 2026.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Commissioner Crawford made a motion to approve the nomination. Seconded by Commissioner Derrick. Approved 23 Yes, 1 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 17 2026

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8 Appointments
Vote

0102

Description

Appointment of Joshua Barrett to the South Fork Utility District Board of Directors.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:45:24 PM
Voting stop time 6:45:48 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			

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IN RE: Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Reappointing Board Member

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Sullivan Mayor, Zane Vanover in his authority to appoint members to said Regional Planning Commission, pursuant to T.C.A. §13-4-101, that nominee Steven Hobbs be reappointed to serve on the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission.

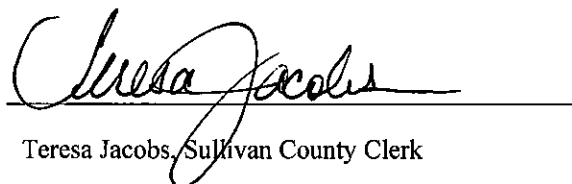
Term: July 2026 to July 2030



Zane Vanover Sullivan County Mayor

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

17th day of September 2026.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Comm. Crawford made a motion to approve all 3 of the nominations for reappointments to the Sullivan County Planning Commission with no objections from the board. All nominations were approved by roll call vote. 23 Yes, 1 Absent



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

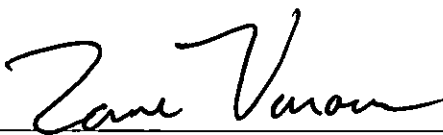
Order Reappointing Board Member

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Sullivan Mayor, Zane Vanover in his authority to appoint members to said Regional Planning Commission, pursuant to T.C.A. §13-4-101, that nominee Laura McMillan be reappointed to serve on the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission.

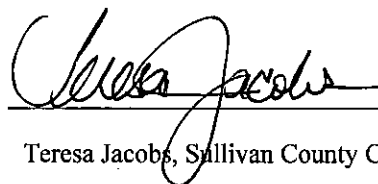
Term: July 2026 to July 2030



Zane Vanover Sullivan County Mayor

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

17th day of September 2026.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Comm. Crawford made a motion to approve all 3 of the nominations for reappointments to the Sullivan County Planning Commission with no objections from the board. All nominations were approved by roll call vote. 23 Yes, 1 Absent



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

Order Reappointing Board Member

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Sullivan Mayor, Zane Vanover in his authority to appoint members to said Regional Planning Commission, pursuant to T.C.A. §13-4-101, that nominee Darlene Calton be reappointed to serve on the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission.

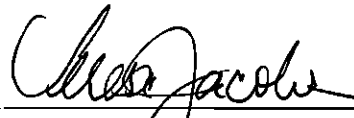
Term: September 2026 to September 2030



Zane Vanover Sullivan County Mayor

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

17th day of September 2026.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Comm. Crawford made a motion to approve all 3 of the nominations for reappointments to the Sullivan County Planning Commission with no objections from the board. All nominations were approved by roll call vote. 23 Yes, 1 Absent



Reappointment of Steven Hobbs, Laura McMillian, and Darlene Calton to serve on the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission

0106

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Crawford made a motion to approve all three of the nominations for reappointment to the Sullivan County Regional Planning Comm. with no objections from the board.

ABSENT		YES		NO		ABSTAIN		PASS
	AKARD	X						
	BOOMERSHINE	X						
	CARR	X						
	COLE	X						
	CRAWFORD	X						
X	CROSS							
	CROSSWHITE	X						
	DERRICK	X						
	GARDNER	X						
	GOLDEN	X						
	HARSHBARGER	X						
	HARVEY	X						
	HAYES	X						
	HODGES	X						
	IRESON	X						
	JOHNSON	X						
	JONES	X						
	KING	X						
	LOCKE	X						
	PULLON	X						
	THOMAS	X						
	THOMPSON	X						
	VANCE	X						
	WARD	X						
1		23						
ABSENT		YES		NO		ABSTAIN		PASS

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners Certificate of Accomplishment

This certificate is hereby presented to:

SOPHIE PERRY

In recognition of their outstanding performance and achievement as a member of the

Sullivan County 4-H Clover Bowl Team earning

1st place in the Regional Clover Bowl

Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence have brought pride to

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Congratulations on your well-deserved success!

Presented this 17th September 2026



**COUNTY of SULLIVAN
TENNESSEE**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Zane Vanover".

Zane Vanover
Sullivan County Mayor

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners Certificate of Accomplishment

This certificate is hereby presented to:

SABELLA BAKER

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Zane Vanover

Zane Vanover
Sullivan County Mayor

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This certificate is hereby presented to:

ELLIE CARPENTER

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Zane Vanover

Zane Vanover
Sullivan County Mayor

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This certificate is hereby presented to:

OLIVIA BISHOP

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COUNTY of SULLIVAN
TENNESSEE



Zane Vanover

Zane Vanover
Sullivan County Mayor

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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 September 17, 2026

ANGELIA BRADNAN	ROBIN ELIZABETH LOYD
LANA BROWN	SARA LUCIANO
STEPHEN W. BRUMIT	AMY LIGHT LUETHKE
ROBIN HESS BUCHANAN	KIMBERLY CHEYENNE MCNUTT
KELSEY RENA CARTER	ANDREA LEIGH METCALF
BROOK M. CHERAMIE	ERNEST TIMOTHY MILLER
KELSEY CORLEY	SAMANTHA MINTER
BRITTANY LEE DEEL	NICHOLAS MOORE
ROBERT BRAD DINGUS	MICAH LASHAY OAKS
BONNIE A DREW	MADISON OLSON
JOSEPH PAUL FRYE	KIMBERLY D. PERRY
CYNTHIA ARLENE HALE	AVERY RHOTON
MALACHI B. HARBACH	CHRISTINA M. SCARCE
ANTHONY HARRIS	LORI A SIMPSON
JACOB HELMS	GERALD A. THOMPSON
SARAH LAUREN HILLMAN	SUSAN M THOMPSON
ALECIA STEVENS IRICK	CHARLES MARSHALL VARNER
CHRISTOPHER CLAIR KIBLER	SARA WADE
PAULA LYNNE KITZMILLER	DONNA K. WHITAKER
TERRY LEE KOZAKEVICH	JEROME LEE WILLIAMS
ANNIE LAPRADE	AMANDA NOEL WINEGAR
SUSAN K LLOYD	

PERSONAL SURETY

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. COLE AND SECONDED BY COMM. HAYES, THE NOTARY
APPLICATIONS HEREON WERE APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. 23 YES,
1 ABSENT

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

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APPROVAL OF NOTARY
SURETY BONDS

September 17th, 2026

Name of Notary	Personal Surety	Personal Surety
Haley Brooke Kestner	Rachel Walsh	Barbara Duncan

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

23 YES, 1 ABSENT

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 17 2026

9/17/2026

appointments of notaries

Description

Chairman

Gardner, John

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Total vote result

Voting start time 6:55:38 PM
Voting stop time 6:56:00 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	0/1

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
AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
September 17, 2026**

Name

Street Address

Email

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COMMISSION
NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
September 17, 2026

Name	Street Address	Email
1. Debbie Wagon	1816 Belmeade Dr.	debbiewagon@gmail.com
2. Penny Gray	1634 Gessert Dr.	pennykgray@gmail.com
3. Pat Shull	1338 Belmeade Dr. ^{Kpt. TN}	patshull75@aol.com
4. KEN Osborne	2975 Island Road	
5. Paul Beefer	2020 Malvern Rd. Knyxport TN 37660	paul730mary@gmail.com
6. Maurcen Christo	321 Warren Rd Piney Flats	
7.		

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

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Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution No. 2026-09-02 **(PULLED FROM CONSENT)**

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.



CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-09-13

APPROVED

Sponsors: Jones/Cross

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE
STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES TOP GRANT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

(Item 13 was added to the Consent Agenda during the meeting)

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 17 2026

9/17/2026

71 Consent Agenda
Vote

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Description

Consent Agenda (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,13)

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:20:42 PM

Voting stop time 7:20:59 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Vote result

Approved as amended with no
objection from the board.

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			
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Golden, Todd ()	X			
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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			

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02

DEFERRED

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 (CONSENT)

WITHDRAWN

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 (CONSENT)

APPROVED

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 (CONSENT)

APPROVED

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 (CONSENT)

APPROVED

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 (CONSENT)

APPROVED

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 (CONSENT)

APPROVED

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 (CONSENT)

APPROVED

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

APPROVED

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

TABLED

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

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-09-11

1ST READING

Sponsors: Carr/Derrick

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

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-09-12

1ST READING

Sponsors: Carr/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

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-09-14

APPROVED

Sponsors: Ireson/Stanley

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE SPEED LIMIT FROM 35 MPH TO 25 MPH ON SULLIVAN GARDENS DRIVE.



Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-09-15

APPROVED

Sponsors: Jones/Ireson/Pullon

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S SHARE
OF PREMIUM PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE MEDICAL INSURANCE
PLAN FOR THE 2027 CALENDAR YEAR.



AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR FOR DISTRIBUTION 6/18/2026

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

Item 1
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. 09/17/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor



SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

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.

09/17/26 (Regular Session) Withdrawn by Sponsor



SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

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 17th day of September 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 21st day of Sept, 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: 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

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.

09/17/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 23 Yes, 1 Absent



SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

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 17th day of September 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 21st day of Sept, 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: 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

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.
09/17/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 23 Yes, 1 Absent



SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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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 17th day of September 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 21st day of Sept, 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: 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

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.

09/17/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 23 Yes, 1 Absent



SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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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

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 17th day of September 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 17th day of Sept, 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: 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

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.

09/17/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 23 Yes, 1 Absent



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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 17th day of September 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 21st day of Sept, 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: _____
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.

09/17/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 23 Yes, 1 Absent



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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 17th day of September 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 2nd day of Sept, 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: 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

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.

09/17/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 23 Yes, 1 Absent



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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 17th day of September 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 21st day of Sept, 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: 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

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson

Cosponsor: Commissioner Joe Carr, everyone voting in the affirmative.

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

09/17/26 (Regular Session) Amended by Sponsor to remove the time period for the effective date.

Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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Vote

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Description

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.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:03:19 PM
Voting stop time 8:03:46 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	1
Total Present	23
Absent	1

Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	22	1	0
Total result	22	1	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			

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Cumulative Impact on employee salaries from Bridge Retirement program

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Starting salary -- \$60,000

Year	Without Bridge	With Bridge	Loss	Total Loss
First	61,050	60,000	1,050	
Second	64,102.50	63,000	1,102.50	
Third	67,307.62	66,150	1,157.62	
Fourth	70,678	69,457.50	1,215.50	
Fifty	74,206.65	72,930.37	1,276.28	
Sixth	77,916.93	76,576.89	1,340.09	
Seventy	81,812.83	80,405.73	1,407.10	
Eighth	85,903.47	84,426.02	1,477.45	
Nineth	90,193.64	88,647.32	1,551.32	
Tenth	94,708.57	93,079.68	1,628.89	
				\$13,206.75
High 5	430,540.49	423,135.64		
Avg high 5	86,108.09	84,627.13		

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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.

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: _____.

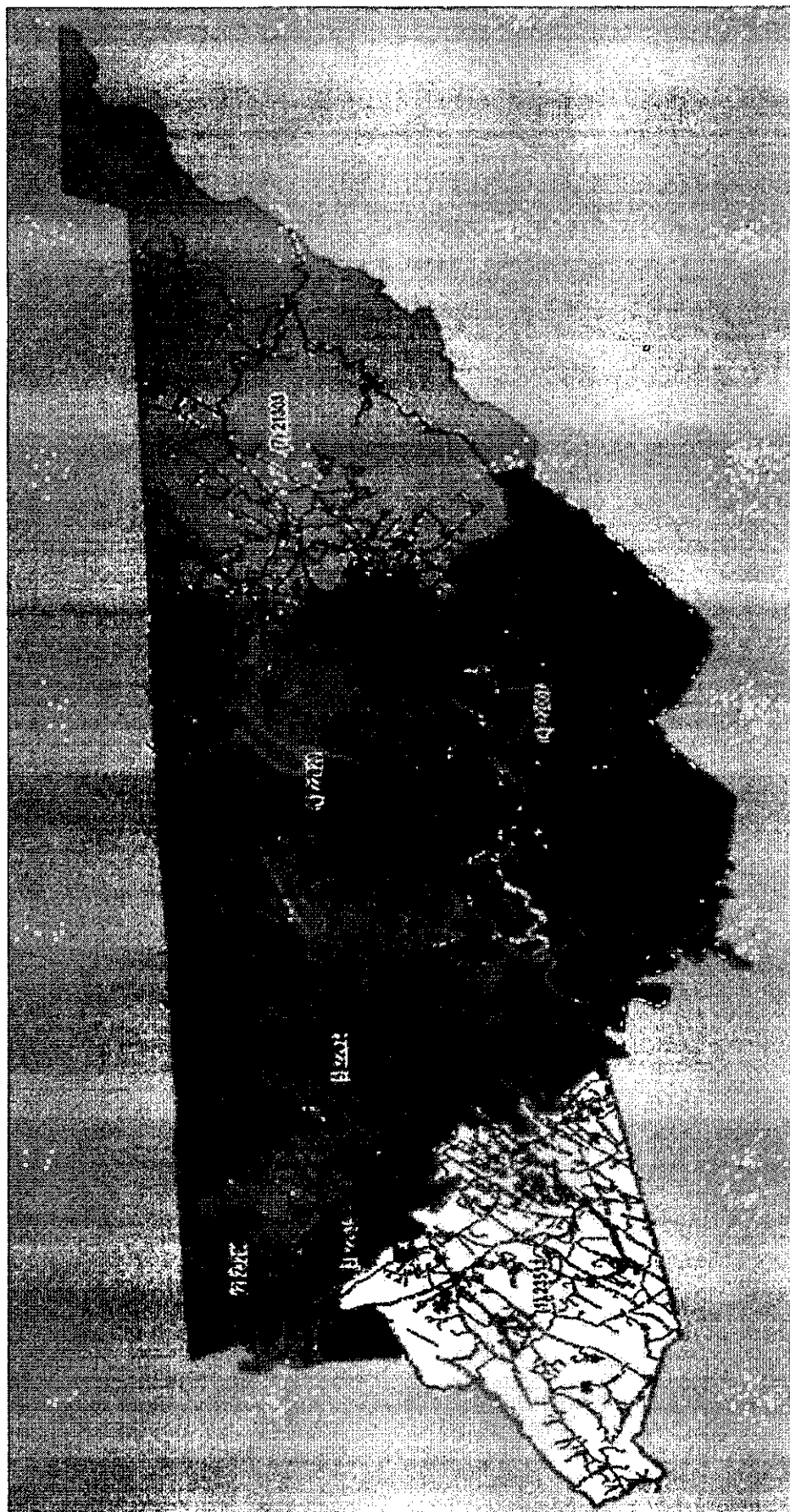
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Hunter Locke

Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 09/10/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to withdraw at Regular Session 09/17/26.
09/17/26 (Regular Session) Comm. Vance made a motion to table. Seconded by Comm. Harshbarger,
Jr. Motion carried 14 Yes, 9 No, 1 Absent





Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 17 2026

9/17/2026

table resolution number 10

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Description

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:41:54 PM

Voting stop time 7:42:32 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Vote result

Yes	14
Abstain	0
No	9
Total Present	23
Absent	1

Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	14	9	0
Total result	14	9	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	

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Item 11

Resolution No. 2026-09-11

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.

**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 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

ACTIONS: 09/17/26 (Regular Session) 1st Reading



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Item 12

Resolution No. 2026-09-12

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.

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

~~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 *Chatric 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.

SECTION 5. *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*

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**

ACTIONS: 09/17/26 (Regular Session) Sponsor amended to remove the first WHEREAS and
insert it as an additional section (Section 5) in the body of the resolution. Resolution was placed
on 1st Reading.



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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-09-13

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES TOP GRANT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County will receive grant funds in the amount of \$13,695.00 available through the Tennessee State Library and Archives for the purchase of Wi-Fi hotspot equipment and service, internal connection upgrades, and technology instruction; and

WHEREAS, said grant contract will be effective on July 1, 2026, and extend for a period of 10 months after the effective date. Said grant ending April 30, 2027; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves accepting and appropriating funds for a grant in the amount of \$13,695.00 available through the Tennessee State Library and Archives used for internal connection upgrades, Wi-Fi hotspot equipment and service to be used by library patrons at no cost to the patron.

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

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 17th day of September 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 21st day of Sept, 2026, at
or about the following time 9:30am by the following method: Hand delivered Teresa Jacobs,
County Clerk Teresa Jacobs

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

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner Sam Jones

Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross

ACTIONS: 09/17/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 23 Yes, 1 Absent



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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-09-14

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

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE SPEED LIMIT FROM 35 MPH TO 25 MPH ON SULLIVAN GARDENS DRIVE.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Mark Ireson requested a reduction in the speed limit posted on Sullivan Gardens Drive from 35 MPH to 25 MPH; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department has reviewed the request and approved the change.

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

8th Commission District
Posting 25 MPH speed limit sign(s) on Sullivan Gardens Drive.

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 17th day of September 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 21st day of Sept, 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: 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

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson

Cosponsor: Commissioner Stanley Hodges

ACTIONS: 09/17/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 23 Yes, 1 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 17 2026

9/17/2026

41 Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-09-14 Sponsors: Ireson/Stanley
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE SPEED LIMIT FROM 35 MPH TO 25 MPH
ON SULLIVAN GARDENS DRIVE.

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Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:33:13 PM
Voting stop time 8:33:36 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			

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Item 15
 No. 2026-09-15

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 APPROVE THE CHANGE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY
 EMPLOYEE'S SHARE OF PREMIUM PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF
 TENNESSEE MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE 2027 CALENDAR YEAR.**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has participated in the State of Tennessee local government insurance pool for approximately 11 years and each year the State updates the cost for local governments to participate in the plan; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has determined the new premium rates for calendar year 2027 based on participating employees' coverage; and,

WHEREAS, the enrollment period for Sullivan County's participation in the local government employee insurance pool runs from October 1st to October 30th, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the employer's share (Sullivan County) has been funded in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 approved budget for each department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approves changes in the employer's monthly share of costs based upon the percentage of premium increases provided by the State of Tennessee for the Limited Plan of coverage as follows:

Monthly Health Insurance Rates for Calendar Year 2027:

	Employee	County	Total
Employee Only	\$96.26	\$655.74	\$752.00
Employee + Child(ren)	\$149.38	\$1,017.62	\$1,167.00
Employee + Spouse	\$231.17	\$1,574.83	\$1,806.00
Employee + Family	\$260.10	\$1,771.90	\$2,032.00

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 17th day of September 2026.

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

Melissa Jacobs, County Clerk



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

Attested: Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

Sponsored by: Commissioner Sam Jones

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Mark Ireson, Commissioner Tim Pullon

ACTIONS: 09/17/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 23 Yes, 1 Absent



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Sullivan County Insurance 2027 Using 87.2 / 12.8 Split					
	2027 State of TN				
	Limited	Health Savings	Co-Pay	Premier	Standard
Premiums					
Employee Only	\$752.00	\$691.00	\$664.00	\$987.00	\$908.00
Employee + Children	\$1,167.00	\$1,071.00	\$1,029.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,408.00
Employee + Spouse	\$1,806.00	\$1,658.00	\$1,592.00	\$2,368.00	\$2,180.00
Employee + Family	\$2,032.00	\$1,865.00	\$1,792.00	\$2,664.00	\$2,249.00
HSA Contributions (Difference Between Health Savings and Limited Premium)					
Employee Only		\$61.00			
Employee + Children		\$96.00			
Employee + Spouse		\$148.00			
Employee + Family		\$167.00			
Employee Portion of Premiums					
Monthly Premium 12.8% of Limited Plan					
Employee Only	\$96.26	\$96.26	\$8.26	\$331.26	\$252.26
Employee + Children	\$149.38	\$149.38	\$11.38	\$512.38	\$390.38
Employee + Spouse	\$231.17	\$231.17	\$17.17	\$793.17	\$605.17
Employee + Family	\$260.10	\$260.10	\$20.10	\$892.10	\$477.10
Bi-Monthly Premium					
Employee Only	\$48.13	\$48.13	\$4.13	\$165.63	\$126.13
Employee + Children	\$74.69	\$74.69	\$5.69	\$256.19	\$195.19
Employee + Spouse	\$115.58	\$115.58	\$8.58	\$396.58	\$302.58
Employee + Family	\$130.05	\$130.05	\$10.05	\$446.05	\$238.55
County Portion of Premiums					
Monthly Premium 87.2% of Limited Plan					
Employee Only	\$655.74	\$655.74	\$655.74	\$655.74	\$655.74
Employee + Children	\$1,017.62	\$1,017.62	\$1,017.62	\$1,017.62	\$1,017.62
Employee + Spouse	\$1,574.83	\$1,574.83	\$1,574.83	\$1,574.83	\$1,574.83
Employee + Family	\$1,771.90	\$1,771.90	\$1,771.90	\$1,771.90	\$1,771.90
Bi-Monthly Premium					
Employee Only	\$327.87	\$327.87	\$327.87	\$327.87	\$327.87
Employee + Children	\$508.81	\$508.81	\$508.81	\$508.81	\$508.81
Employee + Spouse	\$787.42	\$787.42	\$787.42	\$787.42	\$787.42
Employee + Family	\$885.95	\$885.95	\$885.95	\$885.95	\$885.95



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 17 2026

9/17/2026

42 Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-09-15 Sponsors: Jones/
Vote

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Description

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY
EMPLOYEE'S SHARE OF PREMIUM PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF
TENNESSEE MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE 2027 CALENDAR
YEAR.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:37:15 PM
Voting stop time 8:37:28 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	23
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	23
Absent	1

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	23	0
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			

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Approval of the Administrative, Budget, and Executive Committees

Comm. Matthew Johnson made a motion to approve the Administrative, Budget, and Executive Committees as presented. Second by Comm. Todd Golden.

Vote taken and approved. 23 Yes, 1 Absent (voting results follow).

Administrative Committee: Comm. Larry Crawford, Comm. Hunter Locke, Comm. Lakie Derrick, Comm. Josh Hayes, Comm. Ty Boomershine, Comm. Matthew Johnson, Comm. Joe Carr, Comm. Stanley Hodges.

Budget Committee: Mayor Zane Vanover, Comm. David Akard, Comm. Michael Cole, Comm. Joyce Crosswhite, Comm. John Gardner, Comm. Sam Jones, Comm. Mark Ireson, Comm. Kim Harvey, Comm. Dwight King.

Executive Committee: Comm. Tim Pullon, Comm. Zac Thomas, Comm. Andrew Cross, Comm. Don Thompson, Comm. Travis Ward, Comm. Mark Vance, Comm. Todd Golden, Comm. Bob Harshbarger, Jr.



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 17 2026

9/17/2026

approve the administrative, budget and the executive committees

Description

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Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:50:42 PM

Voting stop time 8:51:01 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Motion to approve by Comm. Johnson

Seconded by Comm. Golden

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 Committee Assignments
FY 2026-2027**

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Administrative	Budget	Executive
Larry Crawford Hunter Locke Lakie Derrick Josh Hayes Ty Boomershine Matthew Johnson Joe Carr Stanley Hodges <i>Address Utility Issues</i>	Zane Vanover David Akard Michael Cole Joyce Crosswhite John Gardner Sam Jones Mark Ireson Kim Harvey <i>Dwight King</i> <i>Serves As Delinquent Tax & Title VI Cmte & Insurance</i> <i>Larry Bailey, Ex Officio</i>	Tim Pullon Zac Thomas Andrew Cross Don Thompson Travis Ward Mark Vance Todd Golden Bob Harshbarger <i>Oversees Youth Home</i>
Building Committee	Beverage Board	Infrastructure Committee
Mark Vance Dwight King Hunter Locke Bob Harshbarger Joyce Crosswhite Sam Jones Joe Carr Mark Ireson Travis Ward	Ty Boomershine Michael Cole Sam Jones Zac Thomas Archie Pierce, Citizen TBD <i>Serves As Adult-Oriented Est. Board</i>	Bill Summer, Citizen Mark Vance Dwight King David Akard Luke Meade, Planner
		Health Council Committee
		Joyce Crosswhite Jessica White, Citizen
Agriculture Extension Committee	Historic Preservation Advisory Committee	Ethics Committee
Josh Hayes Dwight King Zane Vanover, County Mayor	Joyce Crosswhite 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 Joyce Crosswhite, John Gardner David Akard, Mark Ireson
Observation Knob Park Committee	Bays Mountain Park Committee	Opioid Adviosry Committee
David Akard Sam Jones Andrew Cross Mark Vance Darlene Calton, Citizen	Larry Crawford, Matthew Johnson, Archie Pierce, Citizen	Joyce Crosswhite Joe Carr Larry Crawford Travis Ward Jeff Cassidy, Sheriff Zane Vanover, County Mayor, Jessica White, Citizen
Integrated Emergency Preparedness	Liaison to City Governments	Sullivan County Library Board
Jim Bean, EMA Director Hunter Locke Travis Ward Stanley Hodges	Bluff City Ty Boomershine Dwight King Bristol David Akard Kim Harvey Mark Vance Kingsport Larry Crawford Hunter Locke Todd Golden Zac Thomas	Sam Jones
Audit Committee	Historic Zoning Commission	Public Records Commission
John Gardner Mark Ireson Dwight King	Joyce Crosswhite	<i>Katie Preister, Chancellor</i> Zane Vanover, County Mayor Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk Sheena Tinsley, Register of Deeds Betsy Carrier, Citizen Joyce Crosswhite Matthew Johnson, Archivist
Financial Management Committee	Planning Commission	
TBD	Josh Hayes	Networks Zane Vanover, County Mayor Joyce Crosswhite
Education Committee	Blountville Athletic Park Committee	Sam Jones David Wagner Bill Sumner
Larry Crawford Kim Harvey Todd Golden Andrew Cross Mark Ireson Sam Jones <i>Chuck Carter & Larry Bailey Ex Officio</i>	Zane Vanover, County Mayor, Sherri Devault, T.J. Bayless Joyce Crosswhite Michael Cole Josh Hayes	**September 17, 2026

Administrative

Animal Shelter
Chancery
Coroner
Drug Control
E.M.A.
E.M.S.
Fire Departments
Health Department
Jail & Workhouse
Library
Medical Examiner
Park
Sheriff
Tourism

Budget

Accounts & Budgets
Audits
Bond Issues
County Finances
County Insurance
Financial Leases
Grants
Payroll

Executive

Airport
Circuit Court
County Archives
County Buildings/ Property
County Clerk
Election Commission
General Session Court
Highway Department
Historical
Industrial Development
Planning & Zoning
Property Assessor
Juvenile Court
Personnel
Purchasing Dept
Register of Deeds
Right-of-Ways
Solid Waste
Trustee
Veteran Services

Committee Meeting Schedule

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Please be advised of the following upcoming committee meetings held at Finance and Administration Conference room:

Administrative Committee Meeting

September 21 at 6:00 p.m.

If you have a conflict and are unable to attend, please notify Commissioner Locke.

Executive Committee Meeting

September 22 at 6:00 p.m.

If you have a conflict and are unable to attend, please notify Commissioner Ward

Financial Management Committee Meeting

September 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget Committee Meeting

October 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your attention to these meeting dates and times. We appreciate your participation and ask that any scheduling conflicts be communicated as soon as possible.

Amelia the Wind Foundation

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Grants 2026

Boys & Girls Club

Kingsport Early
Childhood Development

Girls Inc.

Friends in Need

Rescue Dog
End of Life Sanctuary

Tilted Tavern

Misfit Hounds

Sullivan County Shelter



Register here

In Memory of Buddy Waggoner

Amelia the Wind Foundation Fundraiser

Dancing to the Extraordinaires • Cash Bar • Heavy hors d'oeuvres

Join us Friday, October 16, 2026 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

"The Social" • 240 East Main Street • Downtown Kingsport

Limited reservations \$125 per person Tables of 4, 6 & 8 available

Reservations required by October 9th -- Make checks payable to Amelia the Wind Foundation

Email: ameliathewind@gmail.com or call Debbie Waggoner 423-276-2419

Sullivan County



AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 8:55 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER HAYES TO MEET AGAIN IN WORK SESSION ON OCTOBER 8, 2026.



JOHN T. GARDNER

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN