COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 15, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 15, 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 Chairman John Gardner. Sheriff Jeff Cassidy opened the commission, and Commissioner Crawford gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Commissioner Sam Jones.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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

22 PRESENT, 2 ABSENT
ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: LOCKE, VANCE

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 September 10, 2026, and the minutes of the Regular Session held on September 17, 2026. Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent.

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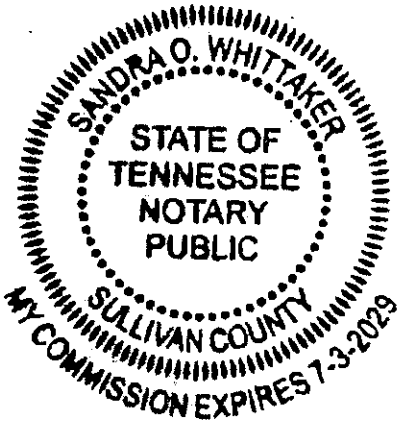
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Signed and sworn to before me
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026

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 the month of October 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, October 8, 2026. The monthly Regular Session will start at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 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: 10/3/26

0308

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name **Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026** 10/15/2026

4 Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk
Roll Call

0309

Description Roll Call

Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time **6:01:18 PM**

Voting stop time **6:01:50 PM**

Voting configuration Roll Call - Attendances

Voting mode Open

Vote result

Present	22
Total Present	22
Total Seats	28
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	**22**	02

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
October 15, 2026
6:00 p.m.

- Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- Chairman John Gardner presiding.
- Invocation
- Pledge to the American Flag
- Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County: September 10, 2026, Rezoning Hearing; September 17, 2026, Monthly Meeting
- Guest Speakers, Appointments, and Recognitions.
  1) Guest Speaker, Alicia Phelps – Northeast TN Tourism Association
  2) Guest Speaker, John Rose - Bridge
  3) Appointment of Virginia "Judy" Hodges to the Bristol-Bluff City Utility District Board of Directors.
  4) Appointment of Mike Stone to the Sullivan County Historic Zoning Commission
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Public Comment on agenda items.
- Public Comment on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 **(11 and 12 added)**
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name	**Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026**	10/15/2026

5 Approval of Minutes
Vote

0311

Description Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: September 10, 2026, Rezoning Hearing; September 17, 2026, Monthly Meeting

Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time **6:02:35 PM**
Voting stop time **6:02:56 PM**
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open

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

Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	**22**	02

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
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			

IN RE: Bristol – Bluff City Utility District

Sullivan County, Tennessee

Order Reappointing Utility District Commissioner

WHEREAS, the Bristol – Bluff City Utility District Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to Sullivan County Mayor, Zane Vanover, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307, that a vacancy has occurred upon said utility board by virtue of the expiration of term; and,

WHEREAS, the Bristol – Bluff City Utility District Board of Commissioners further certifies that Virginia "Judy" Hodges, the nominee, is qualified and willing to continue to serve on the board and to fill said vacancy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Zane Vanover, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307 that nominee Virginia "Judy" Hodges be reappointed to serve on the Bristol - Bluff City Utility District Board of Commissioners as per the term of their by-laws.

Zane Vanover

Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 15th day of October 2026.

Teresa Jacobs

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Motion to approve reappointment of Virginia "Judy" Hodges to the Bluff City Utility Board of Directors was made by Comm. Crawford, seconded by Comm. Cole. Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name **Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026** 10/15/2026

7 Appointment
Vote

0313

Description Appointment of Virginia "Judy" Hodges to the Bristol-Bluff City Utility District Board of Directors.

Chairman Gardner, John

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

Total vote result

Voting start time **6:28:21 PM**
Voting stop time **6:28:43 PM**
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	**22**	02

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
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

IN RE: Sullivan County Regional Historic Zoning Commission

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Board Members

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. §13-7-403, as duly adopted by Sullivan County, Tennessee, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Historic Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Historic Zoning Commission further certifies that nominee Mike Stone is qualified and willing to serve on the Sullivan County Historic Zoning Commission

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan Mayor, Zane Vanover, in his authority to appoint members to said Sullivan County Historic Zoning Commission, pursuant to T.C.A. §13-7-403, that nominee Mike Stone be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Historic Zoning Commission.

Term: October 2026 to October 2030

Zane Vanover

Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 15th day of October 2026.

Teresa Jacobs

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Motion to approve appointment of Mike Stone to the Sullivan County Historic Zoning Commission was made by Comm. Cole, seconded by Comm. Cross. Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name **Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026** 10/15/2026

8 Appointment
Vote

0315

Description Appointment of Mike Stone to the Sullivan County Historic Zoning Commission

Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time **6:29:24 PM**
Voting stop time **6:29:43 PM**
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open

Motion to approve by Comm. Cole
Seconded by Comm. Cross

Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	**22**	02

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
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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TERESA JACOBS COUNTY CLERK
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Notaries to be elected October 15,2026

DANIEL JAY BERNDT	SHYENE NELSON
GAGE BLACK	MATT ORR
BRITTANY BRANSON	JANET R PEAVLER
DANIEL JOSEPH CANTWELL	NATALIE PETRUIC
DEBORAH CEPEDA	SCOTT POWERS
CARSON NEWLYN COLDIRON	SHELIA RATLIFF
JODI DOYLE	AMANDA NICOLE SAKELLAR
TONYA LYNN EADES	MELISSA C. SAMS
ROBERT FORREST FLEMING	DONNA LEE SANDEFUR
PENELOPE DAWN FLETCHER	AVA SEAGLE
LAUREN ANSLEY GREEN	WILLIE T SHORT
JANICE L HUMBLE	STEVEN K. SWINNEY
ROBERT WILLIAM INGRAM	NAKEISHA TALLEY
JENNIFER JONES	JOSHUA VIDA
MANDI JO KEENE	JAN M. WADE
CAYLA KINLEY	ELLEN WELCH MORANO
RACHEL MCCRACKEN	JANE WILKINSON
TONYA R MCDAVID	ELIZABETH WILLIAMS BRIGHT
EVELYN MINTON	LAURA WILLIS
NATASHA LEEANN MOLES	CHRISTOPHER YERTON
KIMBERLY NALL	

PERSONAL SURETY

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

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY
SURETY BONDS

October 15th, 2026

Name of Notary	Personal Surety	Personal Surety
Michael D. Hamlin	J. Michael Nidiffer	James Brent Roswall
Wrenda L. Hull	J. Michael Nidiffer	James Brent Roswall

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

22 YES, 2 ABSENT

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name **Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026** 10/15/2026

9 Approval of Notaries Publics
Vote

Description

0318

Approval of Notaries Publics

Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time **6:31:54 PM**
Voting stop time **6:32:14 PM**
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	**22**	of 2

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
NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
OCTOBER 15, 2026

Name	Street Address	Email
1. Martha J Johnson	125 Wonderland Dr.	MJohnson@sullivantn.gov
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SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
OCTOBER 15, 2026

Name	Street Address	Email
1. Maureen Christe	331 Warren Rd	maureenchristegmail.com
2. Allison Cathey	501 Hill Rd.	
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0320

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 5 Resolution No. 2026-10-17
Sponsors: Locke/Vance
A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRE-HOSPITAL REGULATORY BOARD AND ADOPTING THE GOVERNING CHARTER, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITTING PROCESS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY

Item 6 Resolution No. 2026-10-18
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE 2026-2027 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT

Item 7 Resolution No. 2026-10-19
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Hayes
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED FOR PROJECT ON TRACK EXPENSES.

Item 8 Resolution No. 2026-10-20
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Cole
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AS THE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PARTS OF THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE REGULATING AND GOVERNING ENERGY EFFICIENT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ENVELOPES FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE, IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES, COLLECTION OF FEES, AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-10-21
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Cole
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AS THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PARTS OF THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, REPLACEMENT, REPAIR, LOCATION AND DEMOLITION OF DETACHED ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS AND MULTIPLE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS (TOWNHOUSES) NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT, WITH SEPARATE MEANS OF EGRESS, FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT OF THIS RESIDENTIAL CODE, IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES, COLLECTION OF FEES, AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-10-22
Sponsors: Ward/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SULLIVAN COUNTY TO APPLY FOR UP TO $950,000 THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FY 2026 VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A VETERAN'S TREATMENT COURT.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-10-23 **(ADDED TO CONSENT AGENDA)**
Sponsors: Locke/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT / TRAINING.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-10-24 **(ADDED TO CONSENT AGENDA)**
Sponsors: Cole/Cross
RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE 2026-2027 TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE APPLICATION FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT, ACCEPT FUNDS, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

Subject vote report

Meeting name **Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026** 10/15/2026

Subject title

15 Consent Agenda
Vote

Total vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0

Group voting conclusion

22 votes for the motion

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

0 votes neither for nor against the motion

0 votes against the motion

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			

Subject vote report

Meeting name **Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026** 10/15/2026

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

RESOLUTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-09-09 **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Ireson/Carr
MOTION TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09-09 (RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS RESOLUTION)

Item 2 Resolution No. 2026-04-02 **WITHDRAWN**
Sponsors: Carr/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

Item 3 Resolution No. 2026-09-11 **WITHDRAWN**
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 4 Resolution No. 2026-09-12 **DEFERRED**
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

NEW BUSINESS

Item 5 Resolution No. 2026-10-17 (Consent) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Locke/Vance
A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRE-HOSPITAL REGULATORY BOARD AND ADOPTING THE GOVERNING CHARTER, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITTING PROCESS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY

Item 6 Resolution No. 2026-10-18 (Consent) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson
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Item 7 Resolution No.2026-10-19 (Consent) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Hayes
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED FOR PROJECT ON TRACK EXPENSES.

Item 8 Resolution No. 2026-10-20(Consent) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Cole
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AS THE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PARTS OF THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE REGULATING AND GOVERNING ENERGY EFFICIENT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ENVELOPES FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE, IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES, COLLECTION OF FEES, AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-10-21(Consent) **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Cole
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AS THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PARTS OF THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, REPLACEMENT, REPAIR, LOCATION AND DEMOLITION OF DETACHED ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS AND MULTIPLE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS (TOWNHOUSES) NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT, WITH SEPARATE MEANS OF EGRESS, FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT OF THIS RESIDENTIAL CODE, IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES, COLLECTION OF FEES, AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

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Sponsors: Cole/Cross
RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE 2026-2027 TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE APPLICATION FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT, ACCEPT FUNDS, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-10-25 **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Jones/Ireson
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,000.00 TO FURNISH AND EQUIP THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ATTORNEY'S NEW OFFICE SPACE.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-10-26 **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Ireson/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $132,688.99 TO THE NORTHEAST TENNESSEE TOURISM ASSOCIATION FROM SULLIVAN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-10-27 **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Hayes
RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12-05 TO CHANGE AWARD AMOUNT AND MATCHING AMOUNT OF THE STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM GRANT

Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-10-28 **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Vance/Akard
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COST SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND THE CITY OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE FOR THE SR-394 CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT

Item 1
Resolution No. 2026-09-09(Amend)

Motion to amend Resolution No. 2026-09-09, adopted by the Sullivan County Commission on September 17, 2026, by deleting the following sentence from the resolution:

"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."

The purpose of this amendment is to remove language that remained in the resolution after the sponsor amended the measure to remove the time period for the effective date during consideration at the September 17, 2026, Regular Session. The remainder of Resolution No. 2026-09-09 shall remain unchanged.

Motion was made by Comm. Ireson to approve on Waiver of Rules, seconded by Comm. Akard.
22 Yes, 2 Absent

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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

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.~~

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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, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
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.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joe Carr, 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 **Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026** 10/15/2026

16 Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-09-09 Sponsors: Ieson/Carr
Vote

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Description MOTION TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09-09 (RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS RESOLUTION)

Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time **6:49:27 PM**
Voting stop time **6:49:52 PM**
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	**22**	02

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
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			

AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR FOR DISTRIBUTION 6/18/2026

Item 2
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 2
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor

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. (Regular Session) Deferred until October meeting; 10/08/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 10/15/26; 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Withdrawn by Sponsor

Item 3
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, suspicion less, 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

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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 indefeasible 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.

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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_____, 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, Sullivan County Mayor

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

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Item 3
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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:
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Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor

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

ACTIONS: 09/17/2026 (Regular Session) 1st Reading; 10/08/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 10/15/26; 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Withdrawn by Sponsor

Item 4
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 Chatrie v. United States, as well as potential state and federal legislation, leave the future of this technology in doubt; and

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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.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk,

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Item 4
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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: _____.

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Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor

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

ACTIONS: 09/17/2026 (Regular Session) 1st Reading; 10/08/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 10/15/26; 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Comm. Johnson made a motion to defer until April 2026 meeting, motion accepted by sponsor.

Item 5
Resolution No. 2026-10-17

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRE-HOSPITAL REGULATORY BOARD AND ADOPTING THE GOVERNING CHARTER, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITTING PROCESS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102(a) designates ambulance service as an essential public service; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102(b) directs counties and municipalities to make provisions ensuring that at least one licensed ambulance service is available to serve their respective populations; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102(e) authorizes counties and municipalities to adopt and enforce reasonable regulations to control the provision of private and nonprofit ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102(f) authorizes counties and municipalities to act jointly and cooperatively in providing for ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County, the City of Kingsport, and the City of Bluff City desire to work cooperatively to promote the delivery of high-quality pre-hospital emergency medical services, coordinate ambulance service operations, establish uniform service standards, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board will provide oversight, coordination, permitting, and regulatory functions for ambulance services operating within the jurisdictions of Sullivan County, the City of Kingsport, and the City of Bluff City, consistent with applicable Tennessee law and regulations; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Charter, Regulations, and Permitting Process entitled "Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board, Sullivan County, City of Kingsport, and City of Bluff City, Tennessee" has been presented to the Sullivan County Commission for consideration and approval.

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Resolution No. 2026-10-17

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION THAT:

SECTION 1.

The Sullivan County Commission hereby approves and adopts the Governing Charter, Regulations, and Permitting Process for the Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2.

The Sullivan County Commission hereby authorizes Sullivan County to participate in the joint Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board with the City of Kingsport and the City of Bluff City in accordance with the provisions contained in the adopted Charter.

SECTION 3.

The Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board shall serve as the regulatory and permitting body for ambulance service providers operating within the jurisdictions covered by the Charter and shall exercise the powers and duties set forth therein, subject to applicable Tennessee law.

SECTION 4.

The Sullivan County Mayor is authorized to make appointments to the Board as provided in the Charter and to execute any documents necessary to implement this Resolution.

SECTION 5.

The Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency Director, or designee, shall perform the administrative responsibilities assigned under the Charter and Regulations.

SECTION 6.

The County Attorney is authorized to make such non-substantive revisions as may be necessary to ensure compliance with applicable law and to facilitate implementation of the Charter and Regulations.

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SECTION 7.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption, the ratification of the Charter by the governing bodies of the City of Kingsport and the City of Bluff City, and the execution of any necessary intergovernmental agreements, the public welfare requiring it.

Duly adopted this 15th day of October 2026

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 20th day of Oct, 2026 at or about the following time 11:00am 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, Sullivan County Mayor

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

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Item 5
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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, Sullivan County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner: Hunter Locke
Co-Sponsors: Commissioner: Mark Vance

ACTIONS: 10/08/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Agenda at Regular Session on 10/15/26; 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

PRE-HOSPITAL REGULATORY BOARD

Sullivan County, City of Kingsport, and City of Bluff City, Tennessee
Governing Charter, Regulations, and Permitting Process

ARTICLE I. NAME, AUTHORITY, AND JURISDICTION

1. Name. There is hereby established the "Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board" (hereinafter the "Board"), jointly created by Sullivan County, Tennessee; the City of Kingsport, Tennessee; and the City of Bluff City, Tennessee.

2. Statutory Authority. The Board is established under the authority of Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102(e), which authorizes the governing body of any county or city to adopt and enforce reasonable regulations to control the provision of private or nonprofit ambulance service. Ambulance service is designated an essential service in the State of Tennessee under T.C.A. § 7-61-102(a), and Sullivan County, the City of Kingsport, and the City of Bluff City are directed under T.C.A. § 7-61-102(b) to make provisions ensuring that at least one licensed ambulance service is available to their respective populations. This joint arrangement is entered into consistent with T.C.A. § 7-61-102(f), authorizing counties and municipalities to act jointly or cooperatively to provide for ambulance service.

3. Jurisdiction. The Board's jurisdiction extends jointly to Sullivan County, Tennessee; the City of Kingsport, Tennessee; and the City of Bluff City, Tennessee (together, the "Member Jurisdictions"), each acting by its own independent authority. The City of Bristol, Tennessee is outside the Board's jurisdiction; ambulance service within the corporate limits of Bristol is not regulated, permitted, or otherwise addressed by this document.

4. Relationship to State Law. Nothing in this document shall be construed to limit, alter, or substitute for the licensing authority of the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services, or the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board, under the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1983, T.C.A. § 68-140-301 et seq. A Permit issued under this document authorizes a Service Provider to operate within the Member Jurisdictions; it does not substitute for, and is in addition to, the State ambulance service license required of every ambulance service operating in Tennessee.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The Board is established for the following purposes:

1) Establish and enforce regulations regarding ambulance service care within the Member Jurisdictions.

2) Coordinate pre-hospital care within the Board's jurisdiction.

3) Ensure protocols for ambulance service within the Board's jurisdiction, consistent with applicable state rules.

4) Maintain a standard of care for ambulance service consistent with State of Tennessee EMS rules and the essential-service mandate of T.C.A. § 7-61-102.

5) Promote quality patient care by all ambulance services operating within the Board's jurisdiction.

6) Encourage cooperation and coordination among medical dispatch centers serving the Member Jurisdictions.

7) Submit necessary reports to the Sullivan County Commission, the Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and the Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

8) Grant, deny, or revoke permission, as the Board sees fit and consistent with this document, to applicants seeking to provide ambulance service within the Member Jurisdictions.

ARTICLE III. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Board shall consist of eight (8) voting positions and one (1) non-voting, ex officio position, appointed by the governing body indicated, for the terms indicated.

Seat / Position	Appointed By	Name	Initial Term*
County Commissioner	Sullivan County Mayor		4 years (Group A)
County Commissioner	Sullivan County Mayor		4 years (Group A)
Citizen at Large	Sullivan County Mayor		4 years (Group A)
City of Bluff City Representative	Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen		4 years (Group A)

City of Kingsport Representative	Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen		2 years (Group B)
City of Kingsport Representative	Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen		2 years (Group B)
Citizen at Large	Sullivan County Mayor		2 years (Group B)
Physician Member (Emergency Medicine)	Sullivan County Mayor		2 years (Group B)
Sullivan County EMA Director (or designee) — ex officio, non-voting	Sullivan County Mayor		N/A — non-voting

*Terms. Following the initial terms shown above, all voting positions shall be appointed for four-year terms. To avoid replacing the Board's entire voting membership at the same time, initial appointments are split into two groups whose terms are offset by two years: Group A seats carry an initial four-year term, and Group B seats carry a shorter initial term of two years, after which Group B seats likewise convert to the standard four-year term — so that, going forward, exactly half of the Board's voting seats come up for reappointment two years apart from the other half.

Individuals appointed to fill these positions shall be qualified representatives of the organization or category indicated. Should a member resign, be removed, or otherwise cease to represent their organization or category, that position shall be filled by another qualified person, appointed by the same governing body, to complete the unexpired term. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing governing body shown above.

Qualifications of the Physician Member. The Physician Member shall be a physician licensed, or formerly licensed and retired in good standing, to practice medicine in the State of Tennessee, who currently is, or in the past was, board-certified or board-eligible in emergency medicine (or who otherwise possesses substantially equivalent training and experience in emergency medical care), and who currently practices, or has previously practiced, medicine within, or provided medical services to, the Member Jurisdictions. The Physician Member provides clinical and medical-practice input to the Board's deliberations and votes as a full voting member on all matters

before the Board; this position is distinct from, and does not substitute for, the Medical Director required of each Service Provider under Section 5, below.

Officers and Minutes. Election of officers shall be held at the first regular meeting following January of each year. The Chairman of the Board shall be appointed from the membership by the Sullivan County Mayor, for a two-year term, and shall chair all meeting in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. The Vice-Chairman shall be elected from the membership by a majority of the voting members present and shall chair meetings in the Chairman's absence. The EMA Director is responsible for the preparation and safekeeping of the Board's minutes. The minutes of a Board meeting may be approved during an official meeting or by email approval of the majority members present during the meeting for which the minutes were drafted.

Role of the EMA Director (Ex Officio Member). The Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, or designee, shall serve on the Board in a non-voting, ex officio capacity, contributing operational and emergency-management expertise to the Board's work without a vote on Board decisions. In that capacity, the EMA Director or designee shall: (a) serve as, or appoint, the "Coordinator" referenced throughout this document, responsible for administering the Permit application and renewal process, maintaining Service Provider records, and distributing copies of these Regulations as required by Section 2, below; (b) have authority to waive the Permit requirement of Section 2.A on an emergency basis upon determining that a public health emergency exists, until that emergency is abated, as provided in Section 2.B; (c) receive and help coordinate complaints alleging violation of these Regulations, as provided in Section 7.B; and (d) coordinate the response of Service Providers operating within the Board's jurisdiction during a disaster or declared emergency, as provided in Section 3.D. This ex officio, non-voting role reflects the EMA Director's operational and coordinating function, distinct from the policy-setting and permitting authority that remains with the Board's eight voting members.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

The Board shall meet as needed, or by special called meeting when requested by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or three (3) voting members of the Board. A quorum for conducting business shall be not less than fifty percent (50%) of the Board's voting membership (four (4) of eight (8) voting members, based on the membership described in Article III). The EMA Director or designee, as a non-voting member, does not count toward quorum.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this document affecting Part One (Organization) shall be submitted by the Chairman and must be approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the Board's voting membership (six (6) of eight (8) voting members).

ARTICLE VI. POWERS

Under the provisions of T.C.A. § 7-61-102(e), the Board may adopt and enforce regulations for the protection of the public welfare, as set forth in Part Two of this document. The Board shall report failure to meet the standard of care, or any violation of these regulations, to the administrative office and/or governing body of the offending party. The Board may also make recommendations to the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board and/or the Division of Emergency Medical Services for appropriate action regarding licenses or certifications of persons or organizations that may be in violation of applicable state law.

PART TWO — REGULATIONS OF PRE-HOSPITAL CARE

Regulations contained herein are in no way intended to discriminate against any private or non-profit ambulance service. These Regulations are established to ensure the highest level of pre-hospital care and welfare to all sick or injured persons within the Member Jurisdictions. Any ambulance service that fails to comply with these standards will not be permitted to operate within the Board's jurisdiction. These Regulations are subject to change at any time by the Board, consistent with Article V above.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

A. **Advanced Life Support (ALS)** - Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, or other EMS personnel having a higher level of licensure, who treat life-threatening or aggravating medical emergencies under medical control, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.14.

B. **Basic Life Support (BLS)** - EMS personnel, authorized through the appropriate level of licensure, who treat life-threatening medical emergencies under medical control, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.14.

C. **Ambulance** - Any privately or publicly owned motor vehicle used for the transportation of injured or infirm persons on an emergency or non-emergency basis, consistent with T.C.A. § 7-61-101.

D. **Board** - The Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board established by Part One of this document.

E. **Coordinator** - The Director of the Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), or designee approved by the Board. See Article III, above.

F. **Department** - The Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services.

G. **Dispatch Center** - Any dispatch entity that receives or dispatches ambulance calls within the Board's jurisdiction.

H. **Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)** - A person who has successfully completed the Emergency Medical Responder training course and has qualified by examination to perform lifesaving interventions while awaiting additional EMS response, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.04.

I. **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)** - A person who has successfully completed the Emergency Medical Technician training course and has qualified by examination to provide basic emergency medical care under medical direction, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.04.

J. **Advanced EMT (AEMT)** - A person who has successfully completed the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician training course and has qualified by examination to provide basic and limited advanced emergency medical care under medical direction, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.04.

K. **Paramedic** - A person who has successfully completed an accredited Paramedic Program at the certificate or associate degree level and has qualified by examination to provide basic and advanced emergency medical care under medical direction, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.04.

L. **Medical Direction** - Supervision by a physician licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee of the medical aspects of patient care within emergency medical services, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.04.

M. **Medical Director** - A physician licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee, contracted by a Service Provider to provide medical supervision and to assure the provision of quality emergency medical care by that Service Provider's agents.

N. **Emergency Transport** - Transport using warning lights and/or sirens of a patient with a medical condition requiring immediate medical attention.

O. **Convalescent Transport** - Transport of any patient not requiring Emergency Transport.

P. **Patient** - Any person suffering from any illness or injury.

Q. **Permit** - The document issued by the Board to a Service, following the process in Section 2 below, authorizing that Service to operate as a Service Provider within the Member Jurisdictions, valid for one (1) year as provided in Section 2.

R. **Primary Service Provider** - A Service Provider designated to provide primary emergency Ambulance response within a defined service area of the Member Jurisdictions, corresponding to a "Category A" license under Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.14.

S. **Service** - Any sole proprietor, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity.

T. **Service Provider** - Any Service permitted by the Board to provide emergency or non-emergency ambulance transportation of patients within the Member Jurisdictions.

U. **Sullivan County** - Sullivan County, Tennessee, other than the City of Kingsport and the City of Bluff City (each addressed separately below) and other than the City of Bristol, which is outside the Board's jurisdiction. See Article I(3), above.

V. **City of Kingsport** - The City of Kingsport, Tennessee, one of the three Member Jurisdictions that jointly established the Board under Article I.

W. **City of Bluff City** - The City of Bluff City, Tennessee, one of the three Member Jurisdictions that jointly established the Board under Article I.

X. **Member Jurisdictions** - Sullivan County, the City of Kingsport, and the City of Bluff City, collectively. See Article I(3), above.

Classification of Ambulance Services. This Board does not independently classify ambulance services. Classification, licensure category, and staffing level are established exclusively by the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services under Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.14 (currently: Category A — Primary Emergency Provider, and Category B — Licensed Ambulance Transport Services, each at Levels 1 through 4 based on required Advanced Life Support / Basic Life Support staffing percentages). Each Service Provider permitted under Section 2 below shall hold a current State of Tennessee ambulance service license at the category and level appropriate to the service it provides within the Member Jurisdictions and shall provide proof of that license as part of its application under Section 2.

SECTION 2. PERMIT REQUIRED AND PERMITTING PROCESS

A. No Service shall operate, or hold itself out as available to operate, as a Service Provider within the Member Jurisdictions unless and until that Service has received a Permit from the Board.

B. The EMA Director or designee may waive the Permit requirement on an emergency basis upon determining that a public health emergency exists, until abatement of that emergency, as determined by the EMA Director or designee.

C. Application. A Service desiring a Permit shall submit an application on the form provided by the Board (the "Ambulance Provider Application"), together with proof of a current, corresponding State of Tennessee ambulance service license. Applications will be reviewed for accuracy and completeness; applicants will be notified and given ten (10) days from the date of notice to make any needed corrections. The applicant shall notify the Board within ten (10) days of any change to the information supplied in its application.

D. Permit Term. Each Permit shall be valid for one (1) year, from July 1 through June 30. In May of each year, the coordinator shall send a current copy of these Regulations and a renewal application (the "Ambulance Renewal Application") by certified mail, return receipt, to the listed address of each current Service Provider.

1. Current list of personnel, together with current licensure for each.

2. Current list of all ambulances operated, including permitted and non-permitted units, with mileage and date of last inspection.
3. Copy of the Service's current State of Tennessee ambulance service license.
4. A list of any current discrepancies within the Service.
5. A statement of the Service's desire to continue operating within the Member Jurisdictions.
6. Authorized signature.

E. Renewal applications shall be postmarked or delivered to the EMA Director by July 1 of each year so they may be distributed to the Board at its July meeting. Failure to submit a renewal application by July 1 will be treated by the Board as that Service Provider's election not to have a new Permit issued. The Board will consider issuance of new and renewal Permits at its regular meeting following the application deadline.

F. Temporary Permits, not to exceed ninety (90) days, may be issued at the Board's discretion.

G. Applications will be accepted at any time; however, once an application is rejected, the applicant may not reapply more than twice within a trailing twelve-month period.

H. Permits may not be transferred or assigned without Board approval. A change in ownership of a Service Provider voids its Permit unless otherwise approved by the Board. A Service Provider's Permit is void if that Service Provider ceases to provide continuous ambulance service for forty-eight (48) hours, unless otherwise approved by the Board.

I. No fee shall be charged for the issuance, renewal, or temporary issuance of a Permit under this Section.

J. Air-Medical Services, Special Ambulance Services, and privately owned ambulances dedicated solely to commercial sites for private use by the owner(s) and its employees are exempt from this Section.

SECTION 3. OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

A. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

All Service Providers shall always conform to the following:

1. All rules and regulations of the Department and the Division of Emergency Medical Services;
2. All Regulations of the Board;
3. Immediate compliance with any change to the Board's Regulations, except that a Service Provider shall have ninety (90) days to comply with any change requiring additional equipment or personnel;

4. Notice to the Coordinator of any plan to reduce the level or type of service historically provided (not including changes in medical protocol, unless such a change would downgrade the Service Provider's license classification);

5. For Primary Service Providers specifically: no reduction in the level or type of service historically provided, including planned reductions in staffing, ambulances, or equipment; planned closure or reduced hours at an existing station; or a change in the type of calls the Service responds to, without prior Board approval (not including changes in medical protocol, unless such a change would downgrade the Primary Service Provider's license classification).

B. Base of Operations

1. Each Service Provider shall maintain a fixed base of operation, housing necessary equipment and personnel, with twenty-four-hour communication capability with the public (telephone) and its vehicles (radio).

2. Each Service Provider shall maintain a local business office within Sullivan County, open to the public during reasonable business hours, for paying bills, accepting complaints, and conducting business. The office address and phone number shall appear on any advertising, billing information, or brochure distributed or addressed for delivery within the Board's jurisdiction.

3. Vehicles used to provide Emergency Transport, or to transport patients point-to-point, within the Board's jurisdiction shall be stationed within the Member Jurisdictions. Each Service Provider shall maintain a current list of all locations used to station such vehicles and the hours each location is staffed.

C. Vehicles and Equipment

1. Maintenance, repair, and inventory records, including medicine and drugs, shall be available for inspection by the Coordinator or the Board.

2. Each ambulance used for Emergency Transport must be equipped for radio communication with all 911 Dispatch Centers and hospitals within the Board's jurisdiction.

3. Each Service Provider shall have all necessary equipment for use in inclement weather.

4. Each ambulance shall display the Service Provider's name and ambulance identification number on both exterior sides of the vehicle, in a minimum of four (4) inch contrasting, reflective letters, readable from a distance of one hundred (100) feet.

5. No Service Provider shall use or advertise the words "Sullivan County," "Kingsport," or "Bluff City" as part of its trade or business name without Board approval; unless the Service Provider is a governmental department.

6. All Service Providers shall prominently display "EMERGENCY DIAL 911" on all ambulances, in a minimum of four (4) inch contrasting, reflective letters. No other telephone number shall be displayed.

7. No Service Provider shall advertise a seven- or ten-digit telephone number for emergency calls without "EMERGENCY DIAL 911."
8. No Service Provider shall increase its ambulance fleet without Board approval.

D. Emergency Transports and Responses

1. All Service Providers shall, in cases of disaster or emergency drill preparedness, respond to the request of any 911 center within the Board's jurisdiction and report for response coordination by the Tennessee EMS Consultant, EMA Director, or designee.
2. All Service Providers shall establish mutual aid agreements with the Primary Service Providers within the Board's jurisdiction.
3. All Primary Service Providers, and any Service Provider intending to provide Emergency Transport within the Board's jurisdiction, shall hold a State license and staffing consistent with a Category A1 designation under Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.14. Any other Service Provider shall hold a State license and staffing consistent with a Category B4 OR higher designation.
4. Only Primary Service Providers shall provide Emergency Response within the Board's jurisdiction, unless another Service Provider is requested by a 911 Dispatch Center. This does not prohibit a non-emergency Service Provider from providing Emergency Transport where a patient's condition deteriorates or worsens such that immediate Emergency Transport is required, or from providing emergency inter-hospital transport if equipped and staffed as an ALS ambulance with a Paramedic and EMT. Also, must meet all Department requirements.
5. Should a Service Provider receive a call requesting Emergency Response for any reason other than inter-hospital transport, the Service Provider shall, if appropriate, immediately advise the caller to call 911. If the caller is unable or unwilling to do so, the Service Provider shall obtain all pertinent information, attempt to keep the caller on the line, and immediately relay that information to the 911 Dispatch Center. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REVOCATION OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER'S PERMIT.**
6. No Service Provider shall cause or permit an ambulance to be dispatched based on information obtained by monitoring a radio frequency assigned to law enforcement, another ambulance service, a rescue squad, a fire department, or another governmental or public agency, except by specific request and prior arrangement with the coordinating dispatch agency.

SECTION 4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. All Service Providers shall meet the Department's radio requirements. Primary Service Providers shall additionally equip all ambulances and Emergency Transport vehicles operating within the Board's jurisdiction with 800 MHz radio talk groups approved for the Member Jurisdictions.

B. A Service Provider responding on emergency traffic within the Board's jurisdiction shall coordinate radio communications through its Dispatch Center and the 911 Dispatch Center responsible for the call.

C. Each Service Provider shall ensure its personnel are familiar with the communication procedures used by the applicable 911 Dispatch Center.

D. In the event of vehicle or equipment failure during an Emergency Transport, the appropriate 911 Dispatch Center shall be notified immediately to dispatch a back-up Service Provider.

E. Phone lines receiving requests for ambulance response, and radio traffic dispatching those requests, shall be recorded and retained for at least one (1) year.

SECTION 5. PERSONNEL

A. All personnel shall be physically capable of performing assigned tasks, shall be clean in dress and person, and shall visibly display their name, certification, and Service Provider name to the patient.

B. Each Service Provider shall have a Medical Director licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee.

C. Each Primary Service Provider shall have a Medical Director licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee and currently practicing emergency medicine within the Member Jurisdictions.

SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE

A. In addition to the regulations set forth herein, all Service Providers shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. To the extent these Regulations are intended to conform to state and federal law, they shall automatically, without further action, be amended to reflect any change to that state or federal law.

B. No Service Provider shall operate within the Board's jurisdiction without a valid Tennessee EMS license. If a Service Provider's license status changes during the year (e.g., level change, probation, conditional status), the Service Provider shall immediately notify the Coordinator or the Board's Chairman. **FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN IMMEDIATE PERMIT REVOCATION.**

C. No Permit will be issued to a new Service with litigation pending against Sullivan County, the City of Kingsport, or the City of Bluff City concerning ambulance service permits.

SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

A. Open Records

All vehicles, equipment, and response reports (excluding matters protected under HIPAA) shall be available at all times for inspection by the Board's designee.

B. Enforcement

1. Complaints alleging violation of these Regulations shall be made, in writing, to the Sullivan County Mayor, the Kingsport City Manager, the Bluff City Mayor, the Coordinator, or the Board, and shall include:
    a. Date and approximate time of the alleged violation;
    b. Name of the Service Provider alleged to have violated these Regulations;
    c. Names of any witnesses; and
    d. Facts giving rise to the alleged violation.
2. The complaint shall be forwarded to the Board, which shall decide whether it warrants investigation. If so, the Board will request an outside agent or agency to investigate and report back.
3. Upon receiving the investigation results, the Board will decide whether the facts warrant a hearing. If not, the complainant may still forward the complaint to the Department. If the Board declines to pursue the matter, the complainant may appeal that decision to the Sullivan County Commission. If the Board decides to pursue the matter, the hearing process begins.

C. Hearings

1. Upon determining that an alleged violation warrants a hearing, the Board shall conduct a hearing on twenty (20) days' notice to the Service Provider, stating the time, place, and nature of the hearing; the right to be represented by counsel; and the alleged violations.
2. The Service Provider shall have the right to legal counsel at all hearings before the Board and at any appeal.
3. If the Service Provider fails to attend or participate, the Board may take action as though the Service Provider had appeared and fully participated and may issue a decision by default.
4. The Chairman, or in the Chairman's absence the Vice-Chairman, shall preside over hearings under this Section.
5. Appeal Pathway. A Service Provider aggrieved by a decision of the Board may first seek reconsideration by the Board. If the Service Provider remains aggrieved after the Board's decision, it may appeal that decision to the Sullivan County Commission, whose decision on appeal shall be final.

D. Penalties

The Board may take disciplinary action as appropriate against a Service Provider for violating or failing to comply with any provision of these Regulations, up to and including revocation of the Service Provider's Permit. Legal action may be taken if appropriate to enforce a Board decision.

E. Appeals

Any Board decision may be appealed to the Sullivan County Commission as provided in Section 7.C.5, above. The Sullivan County Commission may take disciplinary action as appropriate, up to and including revocation of the Service Provider's Permit, and legal action may be taken if appropriate to enforce that decision.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this document is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and that holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE AND ADOPTION

This document shall take effect only upon adoption by the Board and ratification by the Sullivan County Commission (or its Administrative Committee, as applicable), the Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and the Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Until that occurs, the currently adopted By-Laws (rev. 1/24/08) and Regulations of Pre-Hospital Care (approved 2/7/05) remain in effect.

[Signature lines to be added upon adoption.]

Item 6
Resolution No. 2026-10-18

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE 2026-2027 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has allocated a State Special Education Preschool Grant for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to assist local educational agencies in the provision of special education and related services to this population; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education is eligible to receive funds under this grant program; 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 $108,193.01. The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46515-721	Early Childhood Education	108,193.01
71200-100-721	Salaries	80,000.00
71200-200-721	Employee Benefits	10,313.01
71200-400-721	Supplies & Materials	17,880.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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Item 6
Resolution No. 2026-10-18

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 15th day of October 2026

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk,

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 20th day of Oct 2026 at or about the following time 11:00 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, Sullivan County Mayor

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

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, Sullivan County Mayor

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

ACTIONS: 10/08/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 10/15/26; 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Item 7
Resolution No. 2026-10-19

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED FOR PROJECT ON TRACK EXPENSES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the Niswonger Foundation for Project On Track Expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education is estimated to receive a total of up to $181,240.00 in reimbursement for tutoring and instructional supply expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of

Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said reimbursements in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($181,240.00). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Descriptions	Amount
48130-70	Contributions	$ 181,240.00
71100-189-70	Other Salaries & Wages	$ 166,240.00
71100-201-70	Social Security	$ 10,350.00
71100-204-70	State Retirement	$ 1,000.00
71100-212-70	Employer Medicare	$ 2,450.00
72210-429-70	Instructional Supplies & Materials	$ 1,200.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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Item 7
Resolution No. 2026-10-19

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 15th day of October 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 20th day of Oct 2026 at or about the following time 11:00am by the following method: Hand delivered.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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, Sullivan County Mayor

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Josh Hayes

ACTIONS: 10/08/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 10/15/26; 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Item 8
Resolution No. 2026-10-20

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AS THE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PARTS OF THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE REGULATING AND GOVERNING ENERGY EFFICIENT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ENVELOPES FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE, IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES, COLLECTION OF FEES, AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, TCA 68-120-101(b)(2)(A)(iii) prohibits the state or local jurisdiction from adopting energy standards more stringent than state minimum standards; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to TCA 5- I -121, Sullivan County previously established monetary penalties of not to exceed $500 for each violation of its zoning and property maintenance ordinances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, that the Residential Provisions of the International Energy Conservation Code, 2018 edition, as published by the International Code Council, as hereinafter revised, be and is hereby adopted as the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, Tennessee, [hereinafter "Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County"] to be applicable in the unincorporated areas of Sullivan County, regulating and governing the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, or repair of detached one and two family dwellings and multiple single family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with separate means of egress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all previous actions of this County Commission providing for the implementation and enforcement of building codes and zoning, and all things necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, issuance of permits, imposition of fines and penalties, and collection of fees, are hereby adopted and/or confirmed; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, with the revisions prescribed in this Resolution, is made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following sections of International Energy Conservation Code, 2018 edition, as described above. are hereby revised:

(l) Section R101.1 insert: "Sullivan County" in place of [NAME OF JURISDICTION].

(2) Table 402.1.2 Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component, replace with Table 402.1.1 from 2009 International Energy Conservation Code; delete the column SLAB R-VALUE and DEPTH in its entirety.

(3) Table 402.1.4 Equivalent U-Factors, replace with Table 402.1.3 from 2009 International Energy Conservation Code

(4) Section 404 Electrical Power and Lighting Systems, deleted in its entirety.

(5) Table 405.5.2(1) Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Design, replace with Table 405.5.2(1) from the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code.

(6) Section 402.4 Air Leakage, the requirements of this section shall be optional.

(7) Section R403.5.3 Hot Water Pipe Insulation, delete item 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent the 2018 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code contains standards more stringent than the state minimum standards adopted by the state fire marshal for one-family and two-family construction and additions thereto of 30 or more square feet of interior space, the state minimum standard shall apply in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann § 68-120-101(b)(2)(A)(iii) (2023) and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Chapter 0780-02-23 (2023) or as may be amended from time to time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith shall replace Resolution NO. 2018-02-06 and Resolution NO. 2019-02-09 (amendment) of Sullivan County; and as of December 1st, 2026 the Energy Efficiency Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith shall thereafter control; and

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BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution and the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith. The Sullivan County Commission hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution, and each section, subsection, clause of Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing in this Resolution or in the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County herewith adopted shall be construed to limit or impair any suit or proceeding pending in any court as of December 1st, 2026, or any right, remedy or cause of action legally acquired or legally existing or liability legally incurred as of December 1st, 2026, under rules, regulations or Resolution hereby replaced by this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each and all the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, and the revisions, changes and amendments thereto, shall be on file in the office of the Building Commissioner/Building Official/Code Official: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, the revisions and changes defined herewith, and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, and all matters established and adopted as a part thereof shall take effect and be in full force and effect on December 1st ,2026 and from that day forward.

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 15th day of October 2026

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Resolution No. 2026-10-20

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk,

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 20th day of Oct, 2026 at or about the following time 11:00 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, Sullivan County Mayor

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

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, Sullivan County Mayor

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Michael Cole

ACTIONS: 10/08/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 10/15/26; 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Item 9
Resolution No. 2026-10-21

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AS THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PARTS OF THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, REPLACEMENT, REPAIR, LOCATION AND DEMOLITION OF DETACHED ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS AND MULTIPLE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS (TOWNHOUSES) NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT, WITH SEPARATE MEANS OF EGRESS, FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT OF THIS RESIDENTIAL CODE, IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES, COLLECTION OF FEES, AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, TCA 68-120-101(b)(4)(A) requires the state or local jurisdiction to adopt and enforce building construction safety standards for one-family and two- family construction as published by the International Code Council and to keep within seven (7) years of the date of the latest edition publication; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to TCA 5- I -121, Sullivan County previously established monetary penalties of not to exceed $500 for each violation of its zoning and property maintenance ordinances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, that International Residential Code, 2024 edition, including appendix AA, BB, BC, BD, and BO as published by the International Code Council, as hereinafter revised, be and is hereby adopted as the Residential Code of Sullivan County, Tennessee, [hereinafter "Residential Code of Sullivan County"] to be applicable in the unincorporated areas of Sullivan County, regulating and governing the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, location, removal and demolition of detached one and two family dwellings and multiple single family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with separate means of egress; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all previous actions of this County Commission providing for the implementation and enforcement of building codes and zoning, and all things necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this Residential Code of Sullivan County, issuance of permits, imposition of fines and penalties, and collection of fees, are hereby adopted and/or confirmed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Residential Code of Sullivan County, with the revisions prescribed in this Resolution, is made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following sections of International Residential code, 2024 edition, as described above. are hereby revised:

(l) Section R101.1 and R103.1 insert: "Sullivan County" in place of [NAME OF JURISDICTION].

(2) Section R104.2.3.1 Flood Hazard Areas is amended by adding a new section to read "R104.2.3.2 All references to flood prone areas contained within this code shall comply with Sullivan County's duly adopted Flood Insurance Program requirements as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) or the Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps (FBFM) provided by the National Flood Insurance Program. Any conflicts between the requirements contained herein and those contained in the Flood Insurance Program, the duly adopted Flood Insurance Program shall apply.

(3) Section R105.2 Work exempt from permit is amended as follows

(a.) Item 1. by deleting the text "200 square feet" and inserting the text "120 square feet"

(b.) Item 2. by deleting the text "7 feet" and inserting the text "8 feet."

(c.) Add new item "11. Reroofing where no structural or framing components are damaged, replaced, or repaired.

(4) Section R106 Construction Documents, delete in its entirety and replace with "Construction plans are not required if the construction methods used are approved methods used within this code."

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(5) Section R202 Definitions, pursuant to TCA § 68-120-101(a)(8)(C)(i)(a) the definition of *TOWNHOUSE* is deleted in its entirety and in lieu thereof substituting the phrase "A single-family dwelling unit constructed in a group of three or more attached units in which each unit is separated by a 2 hour fire wall extending from foundation to roof and with a yard or public way on not less than two sides being exempt from sprinkler requirements of Section R309 and Section P2904 of the International Residential Code, 2024 edition, however, if a sprinkler system is installed it shall meet the requirements of these sections."

(6) Table 301.2 Climatic & Geographic Design Criteria – Insert the following information: Ground snow load -15, Speed – 90mph exposure B, Topographic effects – NO, Special Wind Region – NO, Windborne debris zone – NO, Seismic design Category B, Weathering – Severe, Frost line Depth – 12", Termite – Moderate to Heavy, Ice Barrier Required – NO, Flood Hazards – as indicated by most current FIRM map, delete footnote g in its entirety and insert "g. Flood Hazard areas shall be determined by the Sullivan County, TN.", Air Freezing Index – 416, Mean Annual Temp – 55.9

(7) Section R302.3 Fire Resistance Rating, pursuant to TCA 68-120-101(a)(8)(A), the sprinkler requirements in section R309 and section P2904 shall not be mandatory for one- and two-family dwellings, provided however, if a sprinkler system is installed it shall meet the requirements of section R313.2 and section P2904. Therefore, delete entire section and insert "two family dwellings (duplexes) shall have the same fire resistance separation rating as required for Townhouses in section R302.2."

(8) Section R302.13 Fire Protection of Floors, delete text in Exception 2. "or electric-powered."

(9) Table R507.4 Deck Post Height, replace with Table 507.4 from 2018 IRC. Delete note c.

(10) CHAPER 11 [RE] ENERGY EFFICIENCY, delete in its entirety and replace with "Energy Efficiency requirements shall comply with the Energy Efficiency Code of Sullivan County.

(11) Section P2603.5.1 Sewer Depth, replace [NUMBER] with 18 in both places.

(12) Part VII Electrical, delete chapters 34-43 in their entirety and replace with "Electrical installations require Tennessee State permits. Installations shall be in accordance state requirements and must have passed state final electric inspection prior to final inspection by the Sullivan County Building Department."

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and the Residential Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith shall replace Resolution NO. 2019-11-102 of Sullivan County and the 2018 edition of the International Residential Code; and as of December 1, 2026 the Residential Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith shall thereafter control; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of the Residential Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution and the Residential Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith. The Sullivan County Commission hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution, and each section, subsection, clause of the Residential Code of Sullivan County, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing in this Resolution or in the Residential Code of Sullivan County herewith adopted shall be construed to limit or impair any suit or proceeding pending in any court as of September 1, 2026, or any right, remedy or cause of action legally acquired or legally existing or liability legally incurred as of September 1, 2026, under rules, regulations or Resolution hereby replaced by this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each and all the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Residential Code of Sullivan County, and the revisions, changes and amendments thereto, shall be on file in the office of the Building Commissioner/Building Official/Code Official: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Residential Code of Sullivan County, the revisions and changes defined herewith, and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, and all matters established and adopted as a part thereof shall take effect and be in full force and effect on January 1 , 2027 and from that day forward.

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

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Duly adopted this 15th day of October 2026

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 20th day of Oct, 2026 at or about the following time 11:00am 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, Sullivan County Mayor

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

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, Sullivan County Mayor

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Michael Cole

ACTIONS: 10/08/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 10/15/26; 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-10-22

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SULLIVAN COUNTY TO APPLY FOR UP TO $950,000 THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FY 2026 VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A VETERAN'S TREATMENT COURT.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has made federal funding available through the **BJA FY 2026 Veterans Treatment Court Program**, Grants.gov Funding Opportunity No. **O-BJA-2026-172714**, to support the implementation and enhancement of Veterans Treatment Court operations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Veterans Treatment Court Program is to reduce the use of opioids, stimulants, alcohol, and other substances by high-risk/high-need veterans in the criminal justice system through judicially supervised treatment court programs that integrate substance use disorder and mental health treatment, mandatory drug testing, incentives and sanctions, and transitional services; and

WHEREAS, Category 1 – Planning and Implementation provides funding for a six-month planning phase followed by the launch of a new Veterans Treatment Court, with anticipated awards of up to $950,000 for a 48-month award period beginning January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is an eligible applicant under Category 1 of this funding opportunity as a county government; and

WHEREAS, the BJA FY 2026 Veterans Treatment Court Program requires no cost sharing or local matching funds, and therefore Sullivan County would not be required to provide a local match as a condition of application; and

WHEREAS, applicants under Category 1 are required to demonstrate partnerships with key organizations necessary to operate a Veterans Treatment Court and to document those partnerships through memoranda of understanding or letters of intent; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed Veterans Treatment Court would seek to connect eligible veterans involved in the criminal justice system with treatment, recovery support services, mandatory drug testing, and judicial supervision with the goals of reducing recidivism, preventing overdose fatalities, and increasing successful completion of Veterans Treatment Court programming; and

WHEREAS, the application process requires Sullivan County to submit the SF-424 through Grants.gov no later than October 29, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, followed by the complete application through JustGrants no later than November 5, 2026, at 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, that Sullivan County is hereby authorized to apply to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for an amount not to exceed $950,000 through Category 1 – Planning and Implementation of the BJA FY 2026 Veterans Treatment Court Program for the planning, implementation, and operation of a Veterans Treatment Court serving eligible veterans in the Sullivan County criminal justice system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this funding opportunity requires no local matching **funds**, and authorization to submit the application shall not constitute an appropriation of County funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Mayor and other appropriate Sullivan County officials are authorized to execute the application, certifications, assurances, memoranda of understanding, letters of intent, and other documents necessary to submit the grant application, subject to applicable Sullivan County policies and procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that approval of this resolution authorizes application only and does not authorize Sullivan County to accept, appropriate, obligate, or expend any grant funds that may subsequently be awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should Sullivan County receive an award under this funding opportunity, acceptance and appropriation of the award shall be presented to the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners for separate consideration and approval, together with the final award amount, approved budget, applicable revenue and expenditure account codes, grant conditions, and any continuing financial or operational obligations of Sullivan County.

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

Duly adopted this 15th day of October 2026

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 20th day of Oct, 2026 at or about the following time 11:00am 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, Sullivan County Mayor

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

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, Sullivan County Mayor

Sponsored By: Travis Ward
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Sam Jones, Mark Vance

ACTIONS: 10/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 10/15/26; 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-10-23

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

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

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has received grant funds in an amount up to $128,448.37 available through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security for the purchase of equipment / training; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on the 15th day of October 2026 hereby approve accepting a grant up to the amount of $128,448.37 available through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security to be used for the purchase of equipment / training. Account Codes to be assigned by the Director of Accounts and Budgets.

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

Duly adopted this 15th day of October 2026

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 20th day of Oct, 2026 at or about the following time 11:00am by the following method: Hand delivered.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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, Sullivan County Mayor

Sponsored By: Hunter Locke
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-10-24

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE 2026-2027 TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE APPLICATION FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT, ACCEPT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has administered the Tennessee Highway Safety Office grant for a number of years specifically to pay overtime for impaired driving detection and to purchase traffic safety equipment; and

WHEREAS, the 2026-2027 Community Based Traffic Safety Enforcement and Education grant application amount is $24,000.00 with no matching funds required.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to execute and submit the 2026-2027 Tennessee Highway Safety Office grant application in the amount of $24,000.00 and approve the funds to be used as required for law enforcement purposes by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of said grant application, Sullivan County is hereby authorized to receive, appropriate, and expend said grant funds; not to exceed the above amount ($24,000.00), as required by the grant contract. The revenue account code for the grant is 47990-914 and the expenditure account codes for the grant are 54110.100.914 ($24,000.00) respectively.

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 15th day of October 2026

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk,

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-10-24

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 20th day of Oct, 2026 at or about the following time 11:00am 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, Sullivan County Mayor

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

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, Sullivan County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Michael Cole
Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Andrew Cross

ACTIONS: 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-10-25

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,000.00 TO FURNISH AND EQUIP THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ATTORNEY'S NEW OFFICE SPACE.

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's office is being relocated to the new County Finance and Administration Building; and,

WHEREAS, the furnishings and computer equipment in the current County Attorney's office are antiquated and not adequate for the new office floorplan; and,

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget for the operations of the County Attorney was developed and adopted prior to the discussion for relocation of the office and did not include appropriations to fund furnishing and equipping new office space; and,

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of $6,000.00 is needed to upgrade computer equipment and install furniture in new office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby amends the 2026-2027 fiscal year General Fund budget for the relocation of the County Attorney's office to be funded from Fund Balance as follows:

101-E-51400-700 Capital Outlay - $6,000.00

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 15th day of October 2026.

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

Attested: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 20th day of Oct, 2026 at or about the following time 11:00 am by the following method: Hand delivered.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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, Sullivan County Mayor

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
Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioners Mark Ireson, Kim Harvey, Joyce Crosswhite, Dwight King, John Gardner, Michael Cole

ACTIONS: 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name **Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026** 10/15/2026

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Vote

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Description RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,000.00 TO FURNISH AND EQUIP THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ATTORNEY'S NEW OFFICE SPACE.

Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time **7:08:58 PM**
Voting stop time **7:09:17 PM**
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	**22**	92

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			

Item 14

Resolution No. 2026- 10-26

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $132,688.99 TO THE NORTHEAST TENNESSEE TOURISM ASSOCIATION FROM SULLIVAN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

WHEREAS, by prior action the Sullivan County Commission established current policy to direct 50 percent of county occupancy tax revenue to the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association at the request of the cities of Bristol and Kingsport and to make such payments to NETTA on a quarterly basis; and

WHEREAS, the current policy states the county shall pay NETTA for each quarter no later than six weeks after the end of each quarter; and

WHEREAS, the first quarter of fiscal year 2026-2027 ended September 30 and the Sullivan County Finance Department has made available the total revenue amount for the quarter; and

WHEREAS, 50 percent of total receipts for the first quarter (less fees withheld by the county clerk and county trustee) equals $132,268.99.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, approves appropriation of $132,268.99 and authorizes payment in that amount to NETTA to fulfill the Commission's commitment to directing 50 percent of Sullivan County occupancy tax revenue to NETTA on a quarterly basis in exchange for unspecified destination tourism marketing and promotion of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

Account 101-40220-000-101	Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Revenue	- $132,688.99
Account 101-58110-300-101	Tourism/NETTA/contracted services	+$132,688.99

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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Resolution No. 2026- 10-26

Duly adopted this 15th day of October 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 20th day of Oct, 2026 at or about the following time 11:00am 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, Sullivan County Mayor

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

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 Mark Ireson
Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 19 Yes, 3 Abstain, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name **Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026** 10/15/2026

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Vote

0382

Description RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $132,688.99 TO THE NORTHEAST TENNESSEE TOURISM ASSOCATION FROM SULLIVAN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time **7:12:54 PM**
Voting stop time **7:14:25 PM**
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	19
Abstain	3
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Abstain	Absent
No group	19	3	0
Total result	**19**	**3**	02

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			

Item 15

Resolution No. 2026-10-27

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12-05 TO CHANGE AWARD AMOUNT AND MATCHING AMOUNT OF THE STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners previously approved Resolution No. 2025-12-05 regarding the State and Local Cybersecurity Program Grant to assist local in improving cybersecurity posture, increasing network resilience and upgrading critical technology; and

WHEREAS, circumstances now require an amendment to the awarded amount and local match; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment will increase the award amount from $35,000 to $43,000 and will increase the Sullivan County Financial obligation from $10,500 to $18,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, that Resolution No. 2025-12-05 and the related State and Local Cybersecurity Program Grant project are hereby amended to increase the award amount from $35,000 to $43,000 and will increase the Sullivan County Financial obligation from $10,500 to $18,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the revises grant amount shall be $43,000, the County match shall be $18,000, and the revised project period shall be July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, as applicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Finance department is authorized to make the corresponding budget and account adjustments identified below and in the approved amendment documentation.

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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 15th day of October 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 20th day of Oct, 2026 at or about the following time 11:00am by the following method: Hand delivered

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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, Sullivan County Mayor

Sponsored by: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Josh Hayes

ACTIONS: 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name **Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026** 10/15/2026

45 Item 15Resolution No. 2026-10-27 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Hayes
Vote

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Description RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12-05 TO CHANGE AWARD AMOUNT AND MATCHING AMOUNT OF THE STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM GRANT

Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time **7:16:13 PM**
Voting stop time **7:16:30 PM**
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	**22**	0/2

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			

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-10-28

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COST SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND THE CITY OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE FOR THE SR-394 CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT

WHEREAS, Sullivan County and the City of Bristol, Tennessee are members of the Bristol Tennessee-Virginia Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is responsible for transportation planning within the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol has entered into Agreement No. 260020 with the State of Tennessee for the SR-394 Corridor Management Plan project, identified by Project Identification Number (PIN) 137405.00; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Executive Board approved Amendment No. 3 to the Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program identifying the MPO as a responsible entity for the project; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Executive Board approved the Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including the programming of $200,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for the SR-394 Corridor Management Plan project; and

WHEREAS, federal STBG funding requires a twenty percent (20%) local match from non-federal funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the total project funding consists of $200,000 in federal STBG funds and $50,000 in local matching funds, for a total project budget of $250,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol has agreed to contribute $33,000 toward the required local match, and Sullivan County has agreed to contribute $17,000 toward the required local match; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol will serve as the administrative and fiscal host for the project and will administer consultant procurement, project oversight, reimbursement requests, and grant compliance requirements in accordance with state and federal regulations; and

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WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission finds that participation in the SR-394 Corridor Management Plan project will benefit the citizens of Sullivan County by supporting regional transportation planning and future transportation improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THAT:

SECTION 1.
The Sullivan County Commission hereby approves the Cost Sharing Agreement between Sullivan County and the City of Bristol, Tennessee, for the SR-394 Corridor Management Plan project as outlined in Agreement No. 260020.

SECTION 2.
Sullivan County agrees to provide local matching funds in an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Dollars ($17,000.00) toward the project.

SECTION 3.
The County Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Cost Sharing Agreement and any related documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 4.
Funding for the County's share of project costs shall be appropriated from available funds as approved through the County's budgeting process.

SECTION 5.
This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

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 15th day of October 2026

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this 20th day of Oct, 2026 at or about the following time 11:00am 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, Sullivan County Mayor

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

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, Sullivan County Mayor

Sponsored by: Commissioner Mark Vance
Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioners David Akard, Kim Harvey, Andrew Cross, Lakie Derrick

ACTIONS: 10/15/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 1 Abstain, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name **Sullivan County Commission October 15 2026** 10/15/2026

46 Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-10-28 Sponsors: Vance/Akard
Vote

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Description A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COST SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND THE CITY OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE FOR THE SR-394 CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT

Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time **7:24:56 PM**
Voting stop time **7:25:27 PM**
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	1
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Abstain	Absent
No group	21	1	0
Total result	**21**	**1**	02

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Boomershine, Ty ()		X		
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
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COST SHARING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into by, between, and among the **CITY OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE** ("the City") and **SULLIVAN COUNTY** ("the County").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City and the County are members of the Bristol Tennessee – Virginia Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO"), which is responsible for transportation planning in the metropolitan area made up of the City of Bristol Tennessee, the City of Bristol Virginia, portions of Sullivan County, Tennessee, portions of Washington County, Virginia, and the Town of Abingdon, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the City has executed Agreement #260020 with the State of Tennessee for the Project "SR-394 Corridor Management Plan" ("the Work"), identified by Project Identification Number (PIN) 137405.00; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of the MPO, of which both the City and the County are voting members, approved Amendment 3 to the Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program to identify the MPO as a responsible entity for the Work; and

WHEREAS, the City requested $200,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds under the MPO Executive Board's control to be programmed in the Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program ("the TIP") to perform the Work; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Executive Board approved the FY 2026-2029 TIP on November 13, 2025 with $200,000 in STBG funds programmed to perform the Work, which are included in Agreement #260020;

WHEREAS, STBG funds may cover up to 80% of project expenses and requires 20% match from non-Federal sources; and

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WHEREAS, the City intends to procure consultant services on behalf of the MPO to perform the Work using Project Funding from the following sources:

Funding Source	**Amount**
STBG Funding from Agreement #260020	$200,000
Local Match Contributions	$50,000
Total Project Funding	**$250,000**

; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County wish to memorialize their agreement to the following terms:

1. The City is responsible for contributing $33,000 of the $50,000 in Local Match Contributions; and
2. The County is responsible for contributing $17,000 of the $50,000 in Local Match Contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises of the parties and the benefits to be derived therefrom, the City and the County hereby agree as follows:

1. The City, as administrative and fiscal host of the MPO, will identify a consultant to perform the Work in accordance with its own purchasing regulations and applicable federal and state procurement requirements. The City will negotiate and enter into a contract with such consultant; provided, however, that the City shall have no obligation to contract with a consultant should it become clear that no consultant will be able to perform the Work within the Project Funding outlined above.

2. The City will submit requests to the State of Tennessee for reimbursement through Agreement #260020 in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth by the State of Tennessee and the Federal Highway Administration ("the FHWA"). Agreement #260020 incorporated by reference herein.

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3. The City will use its best efforts to comply with all terms and conditions of the grant agreement controlling the award of the identified funding sources for this Work to ensure that the City is reimbursed for as much as possible.

4. The City will invoice the County for its share of the expenses to perform the Work no less than fifteen (15) days before the funds are necessary to pay expenses for the consultant in connection with the Work. The County shall pay the invoiced amount to the City by check or electronic transfer within sixty ~~thirty~~ (60 ~~30~~) days of receiving the invoice. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, in no event shall the County's payment obligation exceed $17,000.

5. The City will not take any action that would increase the total compensation payable to the consultant above the total Project Funding without the written consent of the County.

6. Any correspondence, notices or communications between the parties with respect to this Agreement will be directed as follows:

If to Bristol TN:	If to Sullivan County:
City of Bristol Tennessee	Sullivan County
ATTN: City Manager	ATTN: Mayor
801 Anderson Street, Ste 201	155 School Ave, Ste 233
Bristol, TN 37620	Blountville, TN 37617

7. Each party represents that the person executing this Agreement on its behalf has full authority to do so.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year of the last signature on the preceding page.

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CITY OF BRISTOL TENNESSEE

By: _____

Matt Slagle, City Manager

Date: _____

SULLIVAN COUNTY

By: _____

Zane Vanover, County Mayor

Date: _____

Sullivan County Travel Snapshot (2025)

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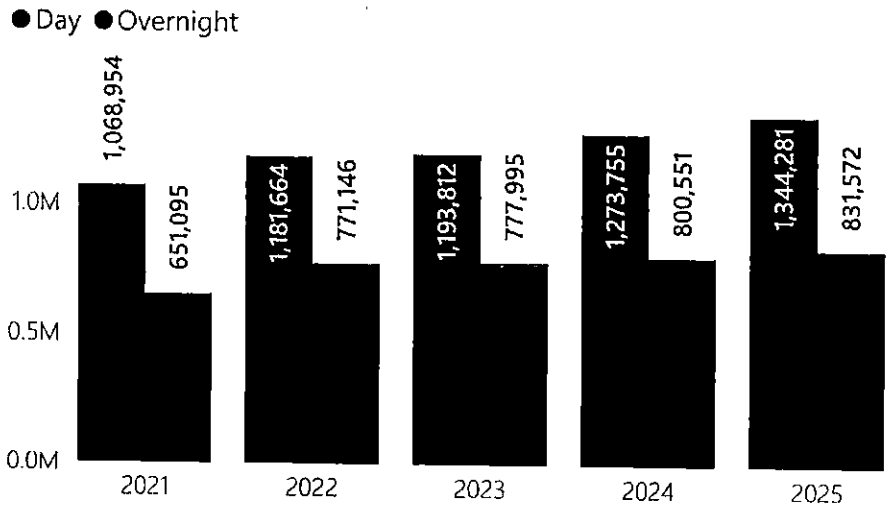
Who counts as a visitor?

Someone who completes any journey for business or pleasure, outside their normal community and not part of a normal routine.

- **Day visitor:** one whose trip involved travel >50 miles from home, spending time in destination market, and returning home to sleep.
- **Overnight visitor:** one who spent one or more nights in a lodging facility, short-term rental, the home of friends/family, etc.

Below is a modeled estimate of county visitation illustrating how visitors to this county factor into the overall state visitor totals.

Estimated Number of County Visitors

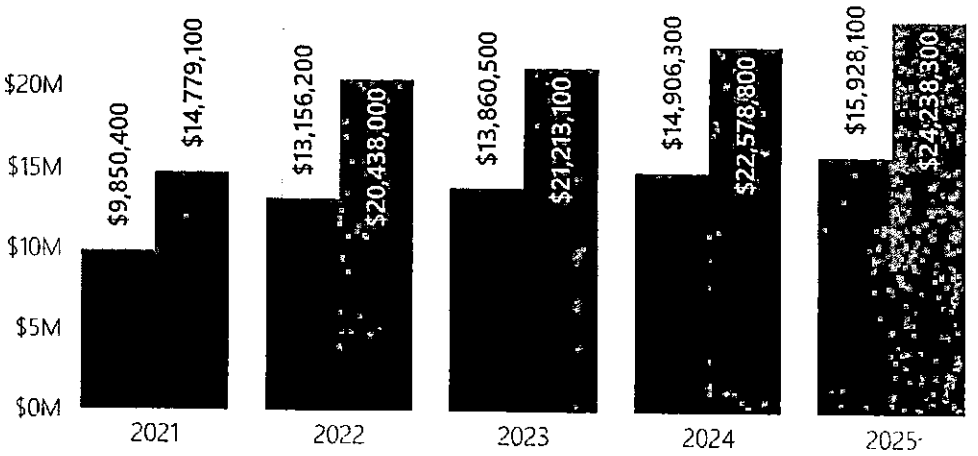


Note: Local DMOs may publish their own visitation numbers. Do not compare this visitation data to other state, national, or local models. Methods, assumptions, and data inputs may vary.

How do visitors help this community?

Visitor spending produced state and local tax collections; reducing the burden on residents to support infrastructure, education, health and safety services, etc.

State and Local Tax Collections from Visitor Spending



Tax Savings per Household

In **2025**, visitors to **Sullivan County** generated **$583** in tax savings per household through state and local tax collections.

Statewide AVG savings per household: $1,178

*Based on 2024 American Community Survey 5-year estimated households: 60K

ABOUT THIS REPORT

Economic impact and visitation are modeled using data from Smith Travel Research, AirDNA, Arrivalist, TN Dept.of Revenue, TN Dept. of Tourist Development, US Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, Longwoods International, Visa Data Insights, Zartico, Placer.AI, and Tourism Economics. This report should not be compared with versions published before 2020 due to the changes in model and vendor.

Sullivan County Travel Snapshot (2025)

Values represent the direct impact for both domestic and international travel

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Direct Visitor Economic Impact

Spending	YOY Change
$393,304,000	**7.90%**
Employment	State Taxes
2,771	**$24,238,300**
Labor Income	Local Taxes
$92,769,600	**$15,928,100**

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County Rank

2025 visitor spending ranking compared to all 95 counties. Previous Rank: 11

Daily Tourism Impact

On an average day, visitor spending generated:

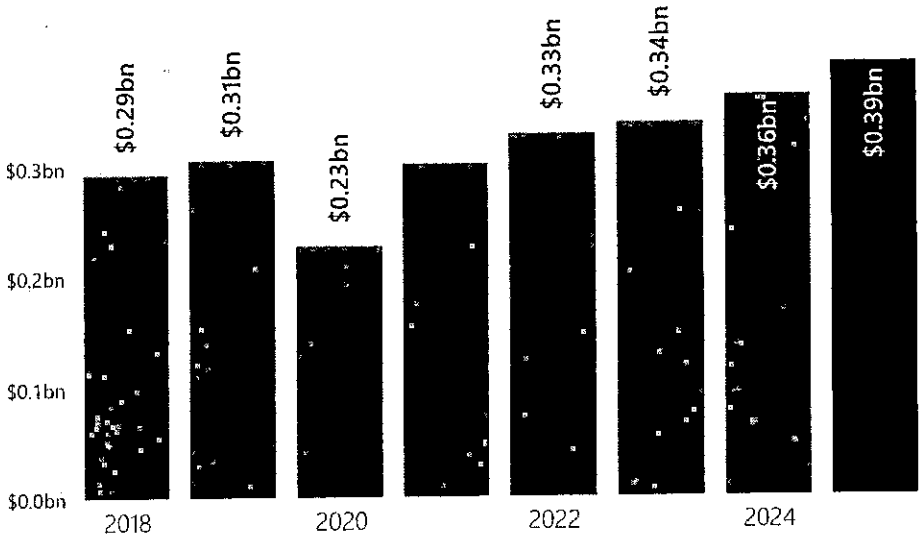
$1,077,545 in daily expenditures

$254,163 in daily labor income

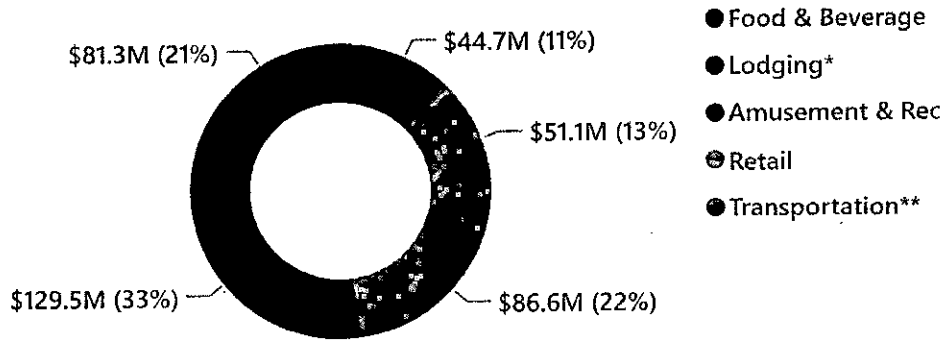
$66,406 in daily state tax collections

$43,639 in daily local tax collections

Direct Visitor Spending Over Time



Direct Visitor Spending by Industry



This economic impact report attributes 8.44% of retail and non-retail sales in Sullivan County to travel and tourism.

* A small portion of Lodging comes from second home spending

** Transportation includes both ground and air transportation

What is "direct visitor spending" and why does it matter?

Direct visitor spending are those dollars that a visitor exchanges with businesses in the five categories shown in the pie chart (below). It does not include indirect spending (ex: B2B purchases) or induced spending (ex: employee wages spent in the local economy). Visitor spending injects real money into the local economy and generates taxes for local and state government budgets.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	IN ORDER TO:		**MOTION WOULD BE:**	Interrupt Speaker	Second Required	Debatable	Amendable	Vote required	Can it be reconsidered
15	Take up a question out of order	I	"I move to suspend the rules to..."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
	The quorum requirement cannot be suspended and the 2/3 requirement cannot be suspended								
16	Avoid consideration of an original motion	I	"I object to consideration of this motion"	Yes-12	No	No	No	2/3	Yes-13
	Objection must me made before any debate on the motion. The vote is Aye to consider the motion and No not to consider								
17	Divide the question	I	"I move Division of the question"	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
18	Consider a long motion by sections, articles or paragraphs	I	"I move that the resolution be considered by paragraph or seriatim"	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
19	Obtain information on rules of the body	I	"Parliamentary Inquiry"	Yes	No	No	No	Not req	NA
20	Obtain information relevant to business	I	"Request for Information or point of information"	Yes	No	No	No	Not req	No
21	You want to lift something from the table	B	"I move that we Take from the Table..."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	After a motion is tabled, business must be transacted before the motion to lift can be made								
22	You want to rescind or amend a previous action	M/B	"I move to Rescind/Amend....."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Varies-15	Yes-14
	Cannot be used when a resignation has been acted upon or a person has been elected/ always consult with county attorney in these matters								
23	Bring a referred item back to the Body that was sent to a committee	M/B	"I move to Discharge Committee...."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Varies-15	Yes-14
	Can only be made when nothing else is pending and requires 2/3 vote if previous notice of the motion has not been given, It only requires a majority vote if committee fails to report when instructed								
24	You want to Reconsider a previous action	B	"I move to Reconsider...."	Yes-16	Yes	Varies-17	No	Majority	No
	Someone on the prevailing side must make the motion/ must be made the same day as previous action								
25	Ratify, or Confirm	M	"I move to Ratify...."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes - 18	Varies-19	Yes
26	You want to conform to order of business	P	"I call for the orders of the day"	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Classification symbols: **M** = main motions; **S** = subsidiary motions; **P** = privileged motions; **I** = incidental motions; **B** = motions that bring a question again before the body; M/B = incidental main motions classed with motions that bring a question again before the assembly. (1) Don't interrupt unless unavoidable: (2) if question of privilege is raised in form of a motion it is debatable. (3) only if previous vote was negative. (4) Yes; but if vote was affirmative, only before any vote has been taken under it; (5) Debate on motion must be confined to its merits only, and cannot go into main question except as necessary for debate of the immediately pending question. (6) A negative vote on this motion can be reconsidered only until such time progress in business or debate has made it essentially a new question. (7) If committee has not begun work on the matter; (8) except when bylaws, local rules or state law require more than a majority vote; (9) affirmative vote only; (10) chair can permit full explanation and can submit question to assembly, in which case the rule for debate under appeal applies; (11) Debate on motion or proposal must be confined to its merits, and cannot go into the main question except as necessary for debate of the immediately pending question, no member is allowed to speak more than once except the presiding officer; (12) until debate has begun or a subsidiary motion other than lay on the table has been stated by the chair; (13) negative vote (sustaining the objection) only; (14) negative vote only; (15) Majority if notice given, if no notice 2/3; (16) when another has been assigned the floor, but not after he has begun to speak; (17) if motion to be reconsidered is debatable, in which case debate can go into that question. (18) cannot amend a Private Act. (19) Requires 2/3 vote to ratify a Private Act, all other votes would be by majority . (20) When used as a qualified motion it becomes a Main Motion

Revised
9-19-2024

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SULLIVAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RULES OF PROCEDURE

RULE 1
CONVENING OF THE BOARD

The Board shall meet in regular session each month at the county courthouse, in Blountville, Tennessee, at 6:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. Notification to the members of the regular meeting shall be by the Chair and/or County Clerk as prescribed by law. Should any emergency arise, the Board shall meet at 6:00 p.m. on the following day or as soon thereafter as possible. Special meetings of the Board shall be called as prescribed by law.

RULE 2
QUORUM

A quorum for the transaction of all business shall be a majority of the members of the Board. Vacancies shall not be counted for the purpose of determining a quorum.

RULE 3
ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to order by Chair. In the absence of the Chair, the Chair Pro Tempore shall preside.
   (a) Prayer
   (b) Pledge to the Flag.
2. Roll Call.
3. Reading and approval of Commission minutes from previous meeting.
4. Confirmation, Appointments, & Elections
   (a) Special Guests
   (b) Proclamations
   (c) Memorials
5. Public discussion / comment.
6. Approval of Notary Publics
7. Resolutions:
   (a) Reports – County Officials, standing & special committees.
   (b) Consent Agenda
   (c) Old Business (2nd Reading)
   (d) New Business (1st Reading)
8. Miscellaneous announcements and statements / Non-Agenda Items.
9. Adjournment.

RULE 4
GENERAL

A. *PUBLIC COMMENT:* Citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee may be allowed to address the Board. A public sign-in sheet for requesting an opportunity to address the Board shall be made available by 5:30 p.m. prior to each meeting. The sign-in sheet shall require the individual's name, address and brief description of the subject of their comments. The public sign-in sheet will be given to the Chair at the commencement of the meeting. The Chair shall review the public sign-in sheet and open the floor for public comment at the time designated on the agenda. Each individual shall be given three (3) minutes to address the Board. A total of thirty (30) minutes will be allotted for public comment. The time

allowed may be extended by the Chair. At any time, a member of the Board may object to a non-member's comments continuing. If there is an objection by any member, the Chair shall immediately take a vote to approve or disapprove the objection. If a majority of the members present vote to approve the objection, the non- member shall cease his or her comment and the Chair shall proceed to the next order of business. If a majority of the members present vote not to approve the objection, the non-member shall be allowed to continue his or her comment for the time approved by the Chair.

B. *MEMBERS ADDRESSING THE BOARD*: It is a member's right to address the Chair and the Board at any appropriate time after proper recognition by the Chair. When using electronic voting systems that have the capability to track members' requests to speak, the Chair shall follow the order of requests shown by the electronic system. When the electronic voting system is not in use, the member who shall first raise his or her hand shall be entitled to speak first; but when two or more members shall raise their hands and address the Chair at the same time, the Chair shall name the member who will speak first.

C. *MEMBER REMARKS*: When any member is about to speak in debate, discussion or deliver any address on any matter whatsoever to the Board, the member shall respectfully address the Chair and shall, after being recognized by the Chair, proceed with intended remarks, confining such remarks strictly to the question under debate and avoiding all personal, profane or defamatory remarks.

D. *CONSENT TO YIELD*: While speaking, a member is not to be interrupted, except for a question by another member. If the speaker declines to yield the floor for a question, then the member shall not be interrupted, but shall yield to questions at the end of the presentation.

E. *POINTS OF ORDER:* If any member, speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the Board, the Chair shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down. When the point of order has been decided by the Chair, the member having the floor can proceed, subject to the decision made.

F. *APPEAL ON RULING:* Any member of the Board may appeal to the Board from the ruling of the Chair on a point or order and a majority vote of the members shall decide the appeal.

RULE 5

RULES OF DECORUM

A. *RULES APPLICABLE TO BOARD MEMBERS*: Members of the Board shall observe order and decorum during Board meetings. A member shall neither, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings of the Board nor disturb any member while speaking nor refuse to obey the orders of the Chair. Board members shall inform the Chair before leaving their seats during a Board meeting.

B. *RULES APPLICABLE TO OFFICIALS AND STAFF*: County officials and staff shall observe the same rules of order and decorum applicable to the Board.

C. *DISORDERLY CONDUCT, DEFAMATORY AND THREATENING LANGUAGE PROHIBITED*: No person shall engage in disorderly conduct such as handclapping, stamping of feet, whistling, using profane language, shouting or other similar demonstrations, which may disturb the peace and order of the Board meeting. Any person(s) making personal, defamatory or profane remarks or who willfully utters loud, threatening, or abusive language or engages in any disorderly conduct which disturbs or disrupts the orderly conduct of any meeting shall be called to order by the Chair.

D. *REPEATED DISTURBANCE; REMOVAL FROM MEETING:* All persons shall, at the request of the Chair, be silent or cease any disorderly conduct. If, after receiving a warning from the Chair, a person persists in such conduct or disturbing the meeting, the Chair may order such person removed from the meeting by the Sergeant at Arms.

RULE 6
MOTIONS

A. *GENERAL*: Motions shall be limited to matters of Board organization, approval of minutes and other matters where Resolutions are not required.

B. *INTRODUCTION AND DEBATE:* Motions may only be made by members. No motion shall be debated until the same is seconded and stated by the Chair.

C. *MOTIONS REDUCED TO WRITING:* When a motion is made and seconded, the motion shall be reduced to writing by the Clerk, and may be read by the Chair prior to any debate or vote if requested by an member.

D. *THE INTRODUCTION OF A MOTION*: A motion is normally brought before the commission by following these three steps:

1. A member *makes* the motion.
2. A member *seconds* the motion.
3. The Chair states the question on the motion. When the chair has stated the question, the motion is *pending*, that is, "on the floor" and is open to debate.

E. *THE CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION*: Once a motion is on the floor, there are three basic steps by which the motion is considered:

1. Members *debate* the motion (unless no member claims the floor for that purpose).
2. The Chair *puts the question* (that is, put it to a vote).
3. The Chair *announces the result* of the vote.

F. *MAKING A MOTION*: To make a motion, a member must obtain the floor when no other question is pending and when business of the kind represented by the motion is in order. The member then makes a motion in simple cases by saying, "I move that . . . [announcing the proposal to become the Board's action]." To eliminate confusion related to motions, the Chair shall have the right to require any motion or amendment to be put in writing before the Chair states the question.

G. *INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:* For more complex questions, or when greater formality is desired, a motion should be presented in the form of a resolution. A resolution shall be prepared in advance of the meeting and shall be put into writing before it is offered. For resolutions introduced by committees, the reporting member of the committee may introduce the resolution by saying, "I move the adoption of the resolution relating to . . ." The chair then says, "The resolution offered by the Committee is as follows. . ."

H. *MOTIONS THAT MUST BE DIVIDED ON DEMAND*: Sometimes a series of independent resolutions or main motions is offered in one motion. In such a case, one or more of the several resolutions must receive separate consideration and vote at the request of a single commissioner. Such a demand can be made even when another has the floor, as in, "Mr. Chairman, I call for a separate vote on Resolution No. 3." This demand must be asserted before the question on adopting the series has actually been put to vote.

I. *DEBATE*: The member making a motion shall have the right to speak first in debate. No member shall speak more than once to a pending motion or resolution until all other members have had the opportunity to speak to the issue.

J. *REQUIRING ROLL CALL*: Motions shall be put to the Board for a voice vote by the Chair, unless the law or the Board's rules requires a roll call. However, the Chair or any member of the Board may require a roll call by raising of hand or indicating otherwise.

RULE 7

FREQUENTLY USED MOTIONS

A. *MOTION TO POSTPONE TO A CERTAIN TIME*: The motion to *Postpone to a Certain Time* is a motion by which action on a pending question is put off, within limits, to a definite day or meeting. The question cannot be postponed beyond the next regular meeting of the Board. An affirmative vote on the motion to *Postpone to a Certain Time* can be reconsidered. ~~The motion is debatable and a majority vote of the members present is required for adoption~~.

B. *MOTION TO COMMIT OR REFER*: The motion to *Commit* or *Refer* is generally used to send a pending question to a committee so that the question may be carefully investigated and put into better condition for the Board to consider. The motion is debatable, and a majority vote of the members ~~present~~ is required for adoption.

C. *MOTION FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION*: The motion for the *Previous Question* is used to immediately close debate and bring the Board to an immediate vote on a pending question, such as a Resolution or a debatable motion. Upon a motion for the *Previous Question*, if there is no objection from any member present, the pending question shall be voted upon immediately. If any member objects to the close of debate, the motion for the *Previous Question* shall be voted upon and requires a ~~two-thirds~~ majority vote of the members ~~present for adoption~~.

D. *MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE*: The motion to *Lay on the Table* enables the Board to lay the pending question aside temporarily when something else has immediate urgency. This motion is often misused as a motion "to table" when the more appropriate motion to is to *Postpone to a Certain Time*. The motion is not debatable and requires a majority vote of the members present for adoption. The pending question shall be considered by the Board prior to the end of the current meeting either by the Chair or upon a motion to *Take From the Table* properly adopted by a majority of the members ~~present~~.

E. *MOTION TO RECONSIDER*: A motion to *Reconsider* enables a majority of the members ~~present,~~ within the same meeting, to bring back for further consideration a question which has already been voted on. A motion to reconsider can only be made by a member who voted with the prevailing side. For the purposes of these Rules, in the event a Resolution is not adopted by the Board for failure to obtain the necessary number of affirmative votes pursuant to state law, a member who voted with the "prevailing side" shall be any member who voted against adoption of the Resolution and shall not include members abstaining or not voting. In the event a Resolution is adopted by the Board, a member who voted with the "prevailing side" shall be any member who voted for adoption of the Resolution.

RULE 8
RESOLUTIONS

A. *GENERAL:* All business of the Board shall be reduced to writing in the form of a Resolution in advance of the meeting. No Resolution shall be transacted unless such resolution appears upon the agenda of the meeting and members of the Board have received the Agenda of the meeting within the same time specified herein. Matters requiring a Resolution include, but are not limited to: budgets and appropriations, approval of contracts, zoning changes, election of officials, and all other business coming before the Board in regular or special session affecting the general welfare of Sullivan County.

B. *AGENDA:* The Agenda for each regular and special meeting of the Board shall be prepared by the Chair and distributed electronically to each member of the Board not less than five (5) days prior the scheduled meeting date. Printed copies of the Agenda shall also be made available in the Office of the County Attorney or County Mayor not less than five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting date. All officials and department heads must submit a request to the Chair to place new matters on the agenda prior to the cutoff deadline for publication of the monthly agenda. If possible, officials and staff are encouraged to first present their information or requests to the appropriate committee prior to meetings of the Board. All officials and staff who desire to address one or more new topics or concerns must submit a written report concerning the topic for inclusion in the packet, and the official or staff member shall confine his or her comments to written report submitted and questions by members regarding the report. This rule shall not apply to matters regarding litigation or claims when the Board goes into executive session with legal counsel.

C. *REQUESTS FOR RESOLUTIONS:* Only county officials or committees as a whole, or committee chairs, may request the County Attorney to prepare Resolutions. A member or official seeking to introduce a Resolution must first present the request to the appropriate committee for consideration and referral to the County Attorney. Requests shall be submitted in the following manner:

1. The request to be placed on the committee's agenda shall be submitted in writing to the appropriate committee chair for consideration and recommendation.

2. The committee considering the request shall assume one of the following positions: (1) Adoption recommended; (2) Rejection recommended; (3) Submitted to the Board without recommendation; or (4) The committee may report that it needs an additional month to develop its recommendation. If the committee is unable to make a recommendation at its next regular monthly meeting, the request shall be forwarded to the Board without recommendation.

3. The committee chair, or the requesting member or official, may present the request to the County Attorney for preparation of the Resolution pursuant to Rule 8(c).

D. *Author:* A resolution may have as many signatures as there are members of the board. However, the first two (2) signatures shall be deemed the authors for the purpose of debate, and the author or his/her designated agent shall appear before the appropriate committee to present their resolution(s).

E. *INTRODUCTION:* Any proposed Resolution may be introduced only by member of the Board as part of a committee report, and the Clerk or Chair shall not receive or file any Resolution that is not reduced writing. Resolutions or recommendations from boards, committees, or commissions established pursuant to law are not subject to the requirements of this paragraph. Advisory or study committees created by county officials must present proposals directly to a standing committee of the Board prior to action by the Board

F. *RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE GERMANE OR RELEVANT TO COUNTY MATTERS*: The business of the Board shall be confined to public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Sullivan County. Meetings of the Board are not an appropriate forum to make political statements regarding federal, state and other jurisdiction's actions that do not directly affect county government. Upon motion of a member and a majority vote of the members present, a Resolution shall be removed from the Agenda as lacking germaneness or relevance to county government or its operations.

G. *AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS*: A resolution may be amended from the floor by a motion properly seconded and approved. The member moving the amendment shall be allowed as a part of the motion process, to provide a brief rationale of the purpose for the amendment prior to receiving a second. Debate of the amendment may proceed once a proper second for the motion to amend is received. The member proposing the amendment does not have to seek or receive approval from the committee or board member bringing the original resolution for the amendment to be considered. The amendment shall be voted on separately from the original resolution using the electronic voting system, unless said system is not available. If the amendment is approved by a majority of the entire membership of the Board, the original resolution shall then be considered for approval as amended.

H. *ROLL CALL VOTE:* Resolutions shall be put to the Board for a vote using the electronic voting system, unless said system is not available. Each commissioner shall vote in a manner that indicates support for or against the resolution or abstain when the Clerk opens the electronic vote. While utilizing the electronic voting system, the Chair will not close the vote until all members have voted, or at least two minutes have passed since the Chair opened the matter for vote, whichever occurs earlier. The Chair may extend the voting time in the Chair's discretion, but the Chair will announce that the closing of the vote prior to doing so.

I. *CHANGING VOTE*: Any member may change the member's vote before the Chair closes the vote. To change a vote, the member shall request the Chair to reset the electronic voting system to enable the member to change the member's vote. Upon conclusion of the vote, the results shall be announced by the Clerk.

J. *SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTIONS*: All successful Resolutions shall be submitted to the Chair for the Chair's signature and attested by the signature of the Clerk. If the Chair is not the County Mayor, then those Resolutions subject to the County Mayor's veto authority, with the vote of the members indicated, shall then be submitted to the County Mayor, within five days of passage, for consideration by the County Mayor.

1. All resolutions shall be submitted to the appropriate committee for consideration. This rule shall not apply to resolutions which are submitted to the commission for consideration under a waiver of the rules (Res. No 2. §6, 12-16-82).

2. All resolutions must be submitted to the County Mayor's Office on or before the Thursday (7 days) before the County Commissions meeting in order to be considered. All resolutions submitted after that time will be held over for the following month (Passed by motion on Sept. 17, 2007).
3. A Resolution that has gone through first reading and the three main committees and fails has been subjected to thorough discussion and does not need to take up more valuable time at a later date; and it is counterproductive to the entire process if our effectiveness is limited by unnecessary attention to a subject that has already had a Full Commission vote, and has been rejected. Therefore, a Failed Resolution is not to be revived taking up valuable time that is needed for other important County business (Res. No. 2011-12-110).
4. When a resolution is brought before the Full Sullivan County Commission on First Reading, and a vote is taken at that time on a Waiver Of The Rules which nets less than 13 votes in its failure, it is to be removed from the agenda that day and cannot be returned to another agenda for a minimum of 30 days following that vote (Res. No. 2011-12-110).

RULE 9
APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

Requests for appropriations in addition to those within the annual budget shall be submitted in the following manner:

A. The request as presented, shall be submitted in writing to the appropriate committee of the Board and then to the Budget Committee and shall reflect the estimated cost, which shall be attached to the proposed resolution.

B. The Budget Committee to which the request has been referred shall assume one of the following positions: (1) Adoption recommended; (2) Rejection recommended; (3) Submitted to the Board without recommendation; or (4) The Budget Committee may report that it needs an additional month to develop its recommendation. If the Budget Committee is unable to make a recommendation at its next regular monthly meeting, the request shall be forwarded to the Board without recommendation.

C. The Director of Accounts and Budget, the County Mayor or a budget committee member designated by the County Mayor shall advise the Board as to fund availability before a vote is taken on appropriations in any amount which are in addition to those of the annual budget.

D. The Resolution requesting such appropriations shall be voted upon by membership of the Board as provided by T.C.A. § 5-5-109 and Rule 8(H) of these rules.

E. All main motions coming before the Sullivan County Commission requiring monetary expenditures shall be done by written resolution. (Res. No. 5 ~~&~~ 2010-12-116).

RULE 10
ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. *ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR*: When the Chair is to receive nominations from the floor; a member may nominate only one person. The floor will be kept open until every member has an opportunity to make nominations or until a motion has been made and seconded that nominations cease and a majority of those present so vote.

B. *APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS*: When the Board is called upon to appoint someone from a list of nominees (such as a county medical examiner) or to confirm an appointee of the County Mayor

(such as department head) then the name or names of those being considered for the position shall be read to the membership and discussion for each such appointee shall follow.

C. *ELECTION OR CONFIRMATION*: All ballots for election or confirmation shall be cast by voice vote as each member's name is called by the Clerk, or by electronic vote. If the vote is on confirmation of an appointee, each member will vote in a manner that indicates a vote for or against the confirmation. To receive an appointment, a nominee must receive the votes of a majority of the members of the Board eligible to vote on the appointment.

D. *SECOND BALLOT*: If no one is elected on a given ballot, the nominee receiving the smallest number of votes will be dropped and the ballot will be cast again until a nominee is elected by the required majority of the membership eligible to vote on the appointment. All votes shall be public.

E. *VACANCIES:* Vacancies to the Board, or any other office required to be filled by the Board, created by resignation, death, or other means shall be addressed as specified by the Tennessee State Constitution, Article VII, Section 2 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-5-111.

RULE 11
COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

A. *OFFICER ELECTION*: Upon election to a committee, the members of any standing or temporary committee shall convene and elect the committee's chair, vice- chair, and secretary from its membership. If a committee does not carry out the aforementioned requirement within twenty-one days of appointment of the committee members by the Board, the Chair of the Board shall call the committee into session before the next regular meeting of the Board and serve as temporary chair until the committee elects a chair and proceeds with its required business.

B. *COMMITTEE MEETINGS*: All committee meetings shall be open to the public. All recommendations and actions shall be reduced to a written report for submission to the Board. The committee chair may allow public comment at the chair's discretion.

C. *COMMITTEE CHAIR AND AGENDA*: The committee chair shall prepare an agenda to be transmitted to the members of the committee prior to its scheduled meeting and shall provide a copy of the agenda to the Office of the County Mayor to be included on the County website. The committee chair shall notify the Chair of the Board and the County Attorney of major matters to be reported to the Board and include the same in the written report to be presented to the Board in time for the Chair to include the report in the Agenda.

D. *COMMITTEE AUTHORITY*: The role and jurisdiction of a committee, other than as required by law, is to investigate and study matters, provide information, and present recommendations to the Board concerning those topics and business as delegated to the committee by these rules or by the Board. Any request or recommendation by a committee to the full commission must be adopted by a majority of the entire membership of the committee.

E. *VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE*: Should one or more members of the committee resign the member's position on the committee, the Board shall fill those vacancies in the same manner as the original members. When a vacancy on the Board occurs, the member's replacement on the Board shall automatically assume the former member's position on any standing committee created by the former member's vacancy.

F. *REPORT AND REFERRALS*: The committee to which a request or Resolution has been referred shall make a report at the next regular meeting of the committee after its referral unless the Board has specified otherwise in its request or resolution. It is the responsibility of the chair of the committee to ensure the placement of the matter on the committee's agenda.

G. *RESOLUTIONS*: Upon a committee adopting a request for the County Attorney or the county mayor to prepare a Resolution, the committee chair or the chair's designee shall notify the County Attorney to prepare appropriate resolutions for consideration by the Board. The County Attorney or committee chair must notify the County Mayor and Chair of the Board of any committee request for a Resolution. If the Chair becomes aware of any action by a committee that must be reduced to resolution form for presentment to the Board, the Chair will notify the County Attorney.

H. *CALL OF COMMITTEE*: If for any reason the chair of a committee fails to call a meeting, the County Mayor or any two members of a three-member committee or any three members of a larger committee may do so.

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RULE 12

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD Nominating Committee

A. ~~*COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES*:~~ At the July meeting, the Board of County Commissioners shall elect five members to serve on the ~~Committee on Committees~~ N.C. The five nominees receiving the most votes shall be elected. If additional balloting is required, the balloting shall continue in a manner consistent with Rule 10(D). During years in which the membership of the Board is elected, the ~~Committee on Committees~~ N.C. shall be elected in September. The ~~Committee on Committees~~ N.C. shall recommend at the August meeting of the Board, or the October regular meeting or a special meeting for this purpose during election years, the nominations for each standing committee. Each member of the Board of County Commissioners shall serve on a minimum of two standing committees listed under Rule 12.

B. *PRESENTATIONS TO BOARD*: Standing committee chair shall report to and confer with the Board Chair on all pertinent matters to be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

C. *LEGAL COUNSEL*: All committee chairs shall consult with the County Attorney on matters appearing to warrant legal evaluation prior to presentation to the Board.

D. *JURISDICTION*: Should questions arise as to jurisdiction of any committee, it shall be referred to the Board Chair and/or to the County Attorney for determination, subject to an available appeal to the Board at its next regular meeting.

E. *BOARD PRESENTATIONS*: The following procedure shall be followed pertinent to committee reports and related action:

1. The committee chair or a member designated by the chair shall make the presentation at the next meeting of the Board.
2. Upon completion of a report the speaker shall yield to questions
3. There shall be a vote on any committee resolutions when debate is complete and when there is a call for the question by the Board.

F. *STANDING COMMITTEES*: The following standing committees are hereby established for the Board and said committees shall have authority to recommend to the Board on the following general areas of county government as well as such other matters as shall be assigned to them by the County Mayor, Chair or Board:

1. Administrative Committee
2. Budget Committee
3. Executive Committee
4. Building Committee
5. Beverage Board – Adult Oriented Entertainment Committee
6. Insurance Committee
7. Agricultural Extension Committee
8. Historic Preservation & Tourism Advisory Committee
9. Ethics & Rules Committee
10. Bays Mountain Parks Committee
11. Observation Knob Committee
12. Integrated Emergency Preparedness Council
13. Deery Inn Advisory Board
14. Planning Commission
15. History Zoning Commission
16. Sullivan County Library Board.
17. Education
18. Nomination

19. *SUBCOMMITTEES*: As necessary, standing committees may create subcommittees to further consider matters before the full committee by appointment of at least three members of the full committee.

18. *SPECIAL COMMITTEES*: From time to time, as needs may dictate, the Board may desire to establish special or temporary committees, task forces, joint committees and/or other work groups utilizing members of the Board as well as other boards, commissions, or governmental agencies. A standing committee shall recommend the creation of the special or temporary committee, task force, joint committee or work group to the Board and request a Resolution as provided in Rule 8. The Board shall consider the Resolution to create the special or temporary committee, task force, joint committee and/or other work group and appoint the members at its next meeting.

RULE 13
THE CHAIR

A. *ELECTION*: Annually, at its regular September meeting, the Board shall elect a Chair and Chair Pro Tempore to take effect as of the same meeting. The Chair may be one of the members of the Board or the County Mayor. Upon his/her election and acceptance of the position of Chair, then the County Mayor shall relinquish the County Mayor's veto power, for so long as the County Mayor remains Chair of the Board.

B. *VOTING BY THE CHAIR*: The Chair may vote only when authorized by law.

C. *CALL TO ORDER*: The Board shall be called to order by the Chair. In the absence of the Chair, the Chair Pro Tempore shall preside. In the absence of the Chair Pro Tempore, the Board shall be called to order by the County Clerk, and shall elect one of its members to preside over the deliberations.

D. *SPEAKING*: Should the Chair desire to speak upon any subject either in the negative or the affirmative, the Chair may do so, provided he/she vacates the Chair. Whereupon the Chairman Pro Tempore shall preside until the Board disposes of the matter under consideration. However, the Chair may answer questions, provide information, and give explanations from the Chair, the Board not objecting.

E. *PRESERVE ORDER*: The Chair shall preserve order and decorum. The Chair may speak to points of order in preference to other members. The Chair shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board of any member.

F. *ORDER OF RECOGNITION*: Before a member is allowed to speak twice on the same subject, the Chair shall inquire if there is another member who has not spoken on the pending subject that wishes to speak.

G. *MOTIONS*: Once a motion has been made and duly seconded, the Chair shall state the motion before debate on the motion may begin.

H. *CLARIFICATION*: The Chair shall rise to state or put a question and shall clearly state the question to the Board before the vote on the question is taken. A member may ask for clarification of the question up until the result of the vote is announced.

RULE 14
THE CLERK

A. *NOTICE*: Notification of regular and special meetings and other notices required by law shall be made by the Clerk in the fashion prescribed by law.

B. *MINUTES*: The Clerk shall reduce the minutes of each Board meeting to writing and attach a copy of each resolution considered and the vote thereon. The minutes shall be prepared after each meeting, and before the next scheduled meeting, and shall be placed in a well-bound book for public inspection. A copy of the minutes of the last meeting shall be forwarded to each board member with the prepared agenda or meeting notice. If the Board utilizes electronic voting, the vote of each member shall be indicated in the minutes.

C. *ROLL CALL*: In all instances involving the appropriation of public funds, the Clerk shall call the roll for "yes" or "no" votes. unless electronic voting is used. In all instances where the roll is called for any vote, the Clerk shall make such roll call and the vote of each member a part of the record of the meeting and include it in the official minutes.

D. *CHANGE OF VOTE*: It shall be the duty of the Clerk, at the end of each roll call, to inquire of those who passed or were absent when the roll was called to determine if any member desires to vote. Subsequently, the Clerk shall provide the results to the Chair, who will announce the results. After the clerk has announced the vote, only during the meeting session in which the original vote was taken will a vote be allowed to be changed, and the request for change of vote must be approved by two thirds (2/3) vote of the Commission. No vote can be changed after adjournment of the session of County Commission in which the vote was taken.

RULE 15

SHERIFF

A. The Sheriff, or a deputy designated by him, shall attend each session of the Board. That officer shall preserve order and carry out the orders of the presiding officer of the Board. The attending officer shall be paid the prevailing statutory fee for his services, unless such officer is paid a salary from county funds. In that instance, no fee will accrue.

RULE 16

COUNTY ATTORNEY

A. The County Attorney shall attend all meetings of the Board and prepare resolutions for action by the Board and respond to questions of the Board as well as perform such other duties as the Board or County Mayor may require.

RULE 17

SUSPENDING THE RULES

A. Any rule or rules may be suspended by a two-thirds ~~majority~~ vote of the entire membership of the Board authorized to vote on the matter.

RULE 18

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

A. All matters not covered herein shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Revised, as contained in the latest copyrighted edition.

RULE 19

CONFLICT WITH LAW

A. In the event any of the foregoing rules are determined to be in conflict with statutory provisions, that portion of the rules in conflict shall be null and void, but the remaining unaffected provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

RULE 20

AMENDMENT OF RULES

A. These rules may be altered, amended, or repealed and new rules may be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners only after the suggested change or modification is presented in writing to a regular meeting of the Board for consideration at the Board's next scheduled regular meeting, at which time it shall be voted upon and a ~~majority~~ 2/3 is required for approval of such change or modification. Clerical defects, spelling, punctuation and other minor alterations may be made in the form of the resolution, effecting such change or modification between the meetings at which the change or modification is voted upon. Rule change or modification may be acted upon only at regular meetings. Nothing herein shall be construed to in any way effect the right of the Board in session to suspend the rules upon two-thirds vote.

RULE 21

COPIES OF AGENDA FOR PUBLIC USE

A. ~~Fifteen (15)~~ copies of the agenda shall be provided at each regular and adjourned Session of the court for the use of attending citizens (Res No. 6, 8-9-78).

B. The agenda of the County Commission meeting shall be furnished to the municipalities by sending ~~seven~~ copies to the Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen, ~~five~~ copies to the Bristol City Council, and ~~six~~ copies to the Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen (~~Res No. 33, 9-19-94~~).

RULE 22

Observing certain requirements when County Commission or Standing Committees in Executive Session.

A. During an executive session of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners or its three standing committees (Administrative, Executive, Budget), all persons required to leave the room during such session shall take with them all personal belongings as well as any equipment designed for the purpose of registering or recording information such as cameras, tape recorders, etc., and all entrances to the Commission Room shall be closed to public access until the executive session is adjourned and the Board of Commissioners returns to its regular meeting.

RULE 23

Oral Reports from County Departments.

A. In order to be more informed, the County Commission requests quarterly ~~oral~~ reports from the following county departments: Planning & Zoning, ~~Safety & Insurance~~, Accounts and Budgets, Health Department, Animal Control, ~~Industrial Commission~~, Park, Solid Waste, ~~County Buildings~~, EMA/EMS and any committee that needs to report. The assignment of reports to be determined by the County ~~Executive~~ Mayor. (Res. No. 3, 8-20-01)

RULE 24

Yearly Review & Approval of Rules of Procedure for Sullivan County & Public Access to Rules

B. During the July regular session, the Rules of Procedure for Sullivan County will be sent to the Administrative, Executive for review. The rules will be brought to the August regular session with any suggested amendments coming from the committees for 1st reading. The Rules of Procedure for Sullivan County will be voted on at the September regular meeting. The approved Rules of Procedure will be placed on the county website for public access.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in regular session on the ____ day of_____ 2019.

9-19-2024 The Board of County Commissioners created the Position of Deputy Chair. Yes 15 No 7 Absent 1

AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 7:28 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER AKARD TO MEET AGAIN IN WORK SESSION ON NOVEMBER, 2026.

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COMMISSION CHAIRMAN