

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 19, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19, 2015, 9:00 A.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS HONORABLE RICHARD VENABLE, COUNTY CHAIRMAN, JEANIE GAMMON, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by County Chairman Richard Venable. Chief Deputy Sheriff Lisa Christian opened the commission and Comm. Matthew Johnson gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Chief Lisa Christian.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

MARK BOWERY	DARLENE CALTON
MICHAEL B COLE	JOHN CRAWFORD
JOHN GARDNER	SHERRY GREENE GRUBB
ANDY HARE	TERRY HARKLEROAD
MACK HARR	JOE HERRON
BAXTER HOOD	DENNIS L HOUSER
MATTHEW JOHNSON	BILL KILGORE
KIT MCGLOTHLIN	RANDY MORRELL
BOB NEAL	BOBBY RUSSELL, JR.
CHERYL RUSSELL	PATRICK W SHULL
ANGIE STANLEY	MARK VANCE
BOB WHITE	EDDIE WILLIAMS

24 PRESENT 0 ABSENT (ABSENT-)

The following pages indicates the action taken by the Commission on re-zoning requests, 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. Morrell and seconded by Comm. Crawford to approve the minutes of the Sept. 21, 2015 Regular Session and the October 12, 2015 Called Session. Said motion was approved by voice vote.

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners
Sub-Committee Assignments
2015 - 2016

<p align="center">Building Committee Andy Hare Matthew Johnson Kit McGlothlin Bobby Russell Bob White Eddie Williams <i>Meet As Called</i></p>	<p align="center">Beverage Board Darlene Calton Michael Cole Bob Neal Andy Hare John Crawford Terry Harkleroad Patrick Shull <i>Serves As Adult-Oriented Est. Board</i></p>	<p align="center">Insurance Committee Randy Morrell W.G. "Bill" Kilgore Matthew Johnson Cheryl Russell Mark Bowery Eddie Williams Bob Neal Bob White Larry Bailey, Ex Officio</p>
<p align="center">Education Committee John Gardner Sherry Grubb Andy Hare Baxter Hood Dennis Houser Patrick Shull Angie Stanley Evelyn Rafalowski, Ex Officio <i>Meet As Called</i></p>	<p align="center">Historic Preservation & Tourism Shelia Hunt Nancy Acuff LeGrande Boyer Patrick Shull Baxter Hood Matthew Johnson Betsy Carrier Andy Hare</p>	<p align="center">Ethics Committee Tommy Kerns John Gardner Frances Harrell Jason Booher Matthew Johnson</p>
<p align="center">Agriculture Extension Committee Dennis Houser Bob Neal Mack Harr</p>	<p align="center">Liaison to City Governments Bluff City Andy Hare Sherry Grubb Bristol Bob White Cheryl Russell Mark Vance Kingsport John Crawford W. G. "Bill" Kilgore Patrick Shull</p>	<p align="center">Integrated Emergency Preparedness John Crawford Mark Bowery Mark Vance Angie Stanley Jim Bean</p>
<p align="center">Planning Commission John Gardner</p>	<p align="center">Sullivan County Library Board Randy Morrell</p>	<p align="center">Public Records Commission E. G. Moody W. G. "Bill" Kilgore Legrande Boyer Shelia Hunt Jeanie Gammon Sheena Tinsley Nancy Acuff</p>
<p align="center">Observation Knob Park Committee Cheryl Russell Dennis Houser Randy Morrell Mark Vance Bob Neal</p>		<p align="center">Bays Mountain Park Committee Darlene Calton ~ Expires May 2018</p>
<p align="center">SBK Animal Shelter Terry Harkleroad <i>Term as determined by By-Laws</i></p>		

MOTION MADE TO APPROVE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS BY CALTON, SECOND BY BOWERY.
 MOTION APPROVED VOICE VOTE 10-19-15

Sullivan County

3258 HWY. 126
SUITE 101
BLOUNT VILLE, TENNESSEE
37617



BRANCH OFFICES
Tennessee Courthouse — Bristol
Bristol 989-4366
City Hall — Kingsport
Kingsport 224-1790

Jeanie F. Gammon

County Clerk
Phone 323-6428

DATE: AUGUST 18, 2015
TO: SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RE: APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

This is to notify you that there is a vacancy for the office of School Board Member for the Board of Education, 7th education district of Sullivan County, Tennessee due to the death of Betty Combs.

This is to further notify you that in accordance with T.C.A. Section 5-1-104(b), the County Legislative body shall fill the vacancy within one hundred twenty (120) days of receiving notice of the vacancy.

This notice is given in accordance with T.C.A. Section 5-5-111.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanie Gammon".

Jeanie Gammon,
County Clerk

Cc: Mayor Richard Venable
County Attorney Dan Street

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Tri-Cities/Southwest Virginia
Regional Group

Advertising Affidavit

P.O Box 609
Bristol, VA 24203
(276) 669-2181

Account Number
2159285
Date
October 01, 2015

SULLIVAN CO EXEC OFFICES
3411 HYW 126 STE 206
BLOUNTVILLE, TN 37617

Date	Category	Description	Ad Size	Total Cost
10/03/2015	_Legal Notices	PUBLIC NOTICE Sullivan County, Tennessee	1 x 25 L	173.85

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of Education Vacancy

A vacancy has occurred on the Board of Education for Sullivan County, TN in School Board District Seven (7), said district as established in the 2013 Reappointment Plan. Map of district available in the Sullivan County Election Commission Office or at <http://www.scelect.org/countymaps.html>

This vacancy is to be filled by the Sullivan County Legislative Body. The election to fill this vacancy will be held on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. during the Sullivan County Commission meeting to be held in the Commission Room of the Sullivan County Courthouse, 3411 Highway 126, Blountville, TN. This open election will admit all citizens as candidates except such as are prohibited by the Constitution or laws of the State. This notice is given in accordance with T.C.A., Section 5-5-111(a)(2).

Publisher of the
Bristol Herald Courier

This is to certify that the attached PUBLIC NOTICE Sullivan Co was published in the Bristol Herald Courier in the Commonwealth of Virginia, on the following dates:

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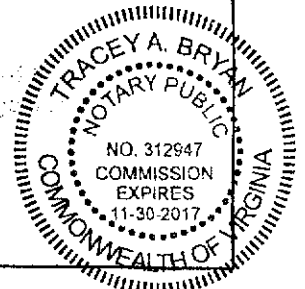
Sworn to and subscribed before me this

10/1/15

Tracey A. Bryan
Notary Public

Kim Greer
Accounting Clerk

State of Virginia
My Commission expires 11/30/2017



Tri-Cities/Southwest Virginia
Regional Group

Advertising Affidavit

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Bristol, VA 24201
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BLOUNTVILLE, TN 37617

Date	Category	Description	Ad Size	Total Cost
09/03/2015	_Legal Notices	Sullivan County, Tennessee Board of Educ	1 x 20 L	141.60

**Sullivan County, Tennessee
Board of Education Vacancy**

A vacancy has occurred on the Board of Education for Sullivan County, TN in School Board District Seven (7), and this vacancy is to be filled by the Sullivan County Legislative Body. The election to fill this vacancy will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. during the Sullivan County Commission meeting being held in the Commission Room of the Sullivan County Courthouse; 3411 Highway 126; Blountville, TN. This open election will admit all citizens as candidates except such as are prohibited by the Constitution or laws of the State. This notice is given in accordance with T.C.A., Section 5-5-111(b).

**Publisher of the
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This is to certify that the attached Sullivan County, Tennessee was published in the Bristol Herald Courier in the Commonwealth of Virginia, on the following dates:

09/01/2015

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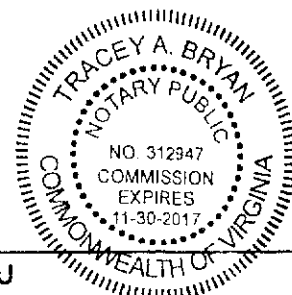
Sworn to and subscribed before me this

9/1/15

Tracey A Bryan
Notary Public

Kui Greer
Accounting Clerk

State of Virginia
My Commission expires 11/30/2017





Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners
235th Annual Session

Appointment of Member to Sullivan County Board of Education

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred on the Sullivan County Board of Education in the 7th District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with T.C.A. §49-2-201, the County Legislative Body has the authority to fill the unexpired term until the next general election;

NOW THEREFORE, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms the appointment as named below to the Sullivan County Board of Education which term shall expire at the next general election:

Name: Jane A. Thomas

Address: 334 Roscommon Drive
Bristol, TN 37620

Confirmed this 19th day of October 2015.

Richard S. Venable

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Jeanie F. Gammon

Attest: Jeanie F. Gammon, County Clerk

Commission Action:

- Approved by Roll Call Vote
 Approved by Voice Vote
 Rejected on Vote

AYE	NAY	PASS	ABSENT
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334 Roscommon Drive
Bristol, TN 37620
September 11, 2015

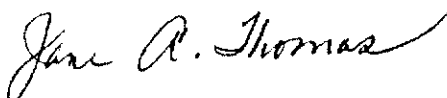
Re: Letter of Intent

The purpose of this correspondence is to express my interest in the vacant seat on the Sullivan County Board of Education. I am a resident within the district that is open to be seated. I am a speech language pathologist with ASHA national certification (American Speech and Hearing Association) since 1975.

I am a Bristol, TN native and returned to this area in 1994 after living in Memphis, Lexington, Houston, New Jersey, and Nashville. This has given me a differentiated view of educational systems and their success. I served as a speech language pathologist for Bristol TN schools. I taught in Sullivan County for seventeen years before retiring in May, 2013. I have taught in 11 Sullivan County schools, from pre-school through high school, acquainting me with the administration, teachers, students, and dynamics of this school system.

I am the mother of 5 and the grandmother of 6, so it is obvious that I continue to have a vested interest in the quality of education for all children. It would be a privilege to serve the students, teachers, and citizens of Sullivan County. My resume is available upon request.

Sincerely,



Jane A. Thomas MA, CCC-SLP
(423)383-2658
jathomasslp1@hotmail.com

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners
Blountville, Tennessee

Confirmation of Appointment

Whereas the Sullivan County Library Board recommends the following appointment to the Holston River Regional Library Board:

Carrie Schwartz
110 Point Shore Drive
Piney Flats, TN 37686

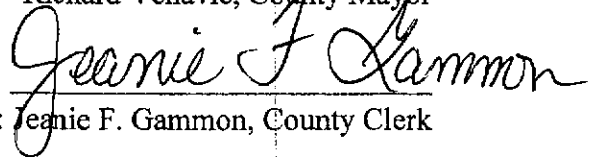
Now therefore, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms the appointment as set below:

Holston River Regional Library
Carrie Schwartz – Term October 2015 – July 2018

Confirmed this 19th day of October 2015.



Richard Venavle, County Mayor



Attest: Jeanie F. Gammon, County Clerk

Commission Action:

Approved by Roll Call Vote

Approved by Voice Vote

Rejected by Vote

Aye	Nay	Pass	Absent
24			

Carrie Schwartz
110 Point Shore Drive
Piney Flats, TN 37686
(423) 282-1147

Education:

B.S. Elementary Education	Natchitoches, LA
MA. In Curriculum & Instruction	Memphis, TN
Minor in Library Science	Memphis, TN

Interests:

Missionary Work – have been to Bethlehem, Estonia, Mexico, Haiti, and Africa
Love to travel

Experience:

Retired Memphis Elementary School Teacher with 30 years of experience	
1990 – 1993	Peace Corp Volunteer in Slovakia
1994	Vista in KY teaching adult literacy
1988 - 2004	Served on the Sullivan County Library Board
2003 – 2004	Served as Sullivan County Library Board Chair
2004 – 2010	Served on the Holston River Regional Library Board
2010 - current	Serving on Friends of Bluff City Library

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners
Blountville, Tennessee

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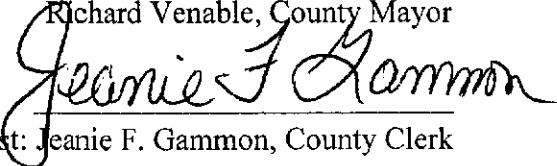
Joan Williams
225 Woodland Drive
Bluff City, TN 37618

Now therefore, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms the appointment as set below:

Holston River Regional Library
Joan Williams – Term October 2015 – July 2018

Confirmed this 19th day of October 2015.


Richard Venable, County Mayor


Attest: Jeanie F. Gammon, County Clerk

Commission Action:

- Approved by Roll Call Vote
- Approved by Voice Vote
- Rejected by Vote

Aye	Nay	Pass	Absent
24			

Joan Williams
225 Woodland Drive
Bluff City, TN 37618
(423) 538-3535

Education:

High School Diploma

Friends Groups:

1987- current

Serving on Friends Group for Bluff City Library
Currently President of Bluff City Friends Group

Interests:

Member of United Methodists Group

Active member of Bluff City Library Book Club

Member of Bluff City Ruritan

Avid Fitness Buff

Attends most meetings of Bluff City government

Attends most meetings of Sullivan County Library Board

SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 PUBLIC COMMENT
 October 19, 2015

PLEASE PRINT

	Name	Street Address	City & State	Please Check if Zoning Issue
1	KENNETH BOWEN	413 BELLEVIEW RD	KINGSBART TN	
2	MAFF AUSTIN	1460 Carolina Ave	Bristol TN	
3	THOMAS SHEPHERD	5051 Bluff City Hwy	Bluff City, TN	
4	LORI LOVE		Kingsport TN	
5	TRISH PATTERSON		Piney Flats TN	
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SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming the Week of October 18-24, 2015 as Friends of Libraries Week in Sullivan County

WHEREAS, Friends of Tennessee Libraries and local Friends of Sullivan County Library groups are dedicated to the support of libraries as institutions essential to democracy and life-long learning; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Sullivan County Libraries help their libraries integrate the library thoroughly with the life and work of the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Friends groups advocate for funding that will provide libraries with the necessary print and electronic materials, expert assistance in research, technology equipment, and services for all ages from the very young to the senior citizen; and

WHEREAS, Friends groups promote the joys and benefits of literacy, learning, and economic well-being for Tennesseans of all ages by investing time and effort in raising supplementary funds to enhance library resources and programming; and

WHEREAS, Friends groups also volunteer many hours of work to help libraries provide services and materials to their patrons; and

WHEREAS, the gifts of time and commitment by Friends of Libraries in Sullivan County set a positive example of civic engagement that benefits both volunteers and their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 18-24, 2015 as Friends of Libraries Week in Sullivan County and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

Richard S. Venable
Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor



SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

Rotary International World Polio Day

WHEREAS, there are five Rotary Clubs in the East Tennessee and the Southwest Virginia region: The Rotary Club of Kingsport, The Sunrise Rotary Club, The Downtown Rotary Club, The Tri-Cities Rotary Club, and The Scott County Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 Rotary International launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, to date, Rotary has contributed nearly US \$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, these efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute \$8 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Clubs of East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia are among 81 clubs throughout Rotary District 7570 with over 3,000 members sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2015 as

"WORLD POLIO DAY"

in Sullivan County and encourage all citizens to join me and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, this the 19th day of October, 2015.

Richard S. Venable
Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor



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

Notaries to be elected October 19, 2015

INA C ADKINS	DEENA NICOLE JOYCE
LINDA GAIL BARR	JENNIFER M KRULL
PENNY DIANE BAYS	TINA DENISE MANN
BRANDON NEIL BEDINGFIELD	SUSAN D MARSHALL
MELISSA D BELL	CHRISTINA MARIE NEWMAN
H. BIRCHFIELD	MARY RUTH PHILLIPS
ANGEL DENISE BLEDSOE	PAMELA JEAN PHILLIPS
JAMES R. BOATRIGHT	GWEN PUGH
SHARON CLARK CARR	JOYCE ANN RHOTEN
MELISSA PAIGE COOK	DEVEREUX D. RICE
SHATARA RUSHAE COOPER	SAMUEL KILLGORE ROSS
CAROLYN T. COX	CAROLYN B. ROYSTON
MARY ALICE CROUCH	ELIZABETH M SHINE
DREMA KAYE ESTEP	JOHN C. SNYDER
STEPHANIE DUTY FARLEY	CHERYL L STERNER
BETTY GENIVA FITE	AMBER D TAPSCOTT
JAMES W. HOLMES	AMY COLLEEN TERRY
MICHELE D HOWINGTON	VELMA L. WHITTE
ANGELA DAWN JONES	

PERSONAL SURETY
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 DAVID RAY
 JAMES WATKINS
 DAN BIEGER
 MIKE STILL
 10,000.00
 CECIL W. LAWS, ESQ.
 E. PATRICK HULL, ESQ.
 PHILLIP R RUST
 PAMELA L ROSS

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. HARKLEROAD AND SECONDED BY COMM. JOHNSON
 TO APPROVE THE NOTARY APPLICATIONS HEREON, SAID MOTION WAS APPROVED BY ROLL
 CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. 22 AYE, 2 ABSENT

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY
SURETY BONDS

October 19, 2015

NAME OF NOTARY

Donna Lynn Davis

PERSONAL SURETY

Stephen L. Gilly

PERSONAL SURETY

Nicholas A. Schaeffer

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. HARKLEROAD AND SECONDED BY COMM. JOHNSON
TO APPROVE THE NOTARY BONDS OF THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS, SAID MOTION WAS
APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. 22 AYE, 2 ABSENT

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PRE THE COMM.

No. Roll

No. Approve

No. School

No.

No.

No.

No.

MISSIONERS

	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay
Bowery ✓			✓		Thomas											
Calton ✓			✓		Austin											
Cole ✓			✓		Austin											
Crawford ✓			✓		Thomas											
Dudner ✓			✓		Thomas											
Duible ✓			✓		Thomas											
Hare ✓			✓		Austin											
Horklebad ✓			✓		Thomas											
Harr ✓			✓		Austin											
Herron ✓			✓		Thomas											
Hood ✓			✓		Austin											
Houser ✓			✓		Thomas											
Johnson ✓			✓		Thomas											
Kilgore ✓			✓		Thomas											
McAlathine ✓			✓		Austin											
Merrell ✓			✓		Austin											
Neal ✓			A		Thomas											
Tobley Russell ✓			✓		Austin											
Wing Russell ✓			✓		Thomas											
Skull ✓			✓		Thomas											
Stanley ✓			A		Austin											
Vance ✓			✓		Austin											
White ✓			✓		Thomas											
Williams ✓			✓		P											

24 Present 20 Aye 15 Thomas

2 Abs 10 Austin
None

AGENDA
Sullivan County Board of County Commission
October 19-2015

The Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, **10-19-2015** at 9:00 A.M. in the Sullivan County Courthouse, Blountville, TN to consider the following requests:

- (1) File No. 08/15/#1 Zella Wyrick
Reclassify property located at 305 McKenzie Drive from R-1(Low Density/Single-Family Residential District) to R-2A (Medium Density Residential District) for the purpose of allowing a duplex to be built on the property. Property ID No Tax Map 029G, Group B, Parcel 00500 and being located in the 12th Civil District. **Kingsport Planning**

PETITION TO SULLIVAN COUNTY FOR REZONING

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

<p>Property Owner: <u>Zella Wyrick</u></p> <p>Address: <u>537 North Holston River drive</u> <u>Kingsport, TN 37660</u></p> <p>Phone <u>423-246-4712</u> Date of Request <u>8/12/2015</u></p> <p>Property Located in <u>12th</u> Civil District</p> <p><u>Zella M. Wyrick</u> Signature of Applicant</p>	<p><u>OFFICE USE ONLY</u></p> <p>Meeting Date <u>09/17/2015</u> Time <u>7:00 pm</u></p> <p>Place <u>2nd floor Kingsport City Hall</u></p> <hr/> <p>Planning Commission Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>09-17-15 7:00pm</u> Denied _____ <i>Kingsport</i></p> <p>County Commission Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>10-19-2015</u> Denied _____ <u>9:00am</u></p> <p>Other Roll Call <u>22 Aye, 2 Absent</u></p> <p>Final Action Date <u>10-19-15</u></p>
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PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Tax Map No. 029G / Group B / Parcel 00500

Zoning Map 5 Zoning District R-1 Proposed District R-2A

Property Location : 305 McKenzie Drive

Purpose of Rezoning: To allow a duplex to be built

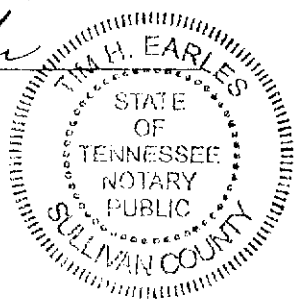
The undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby acknowledges that the information provided in this petition to Sullivan County for Rezoning is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Zella M. Wyrick

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 12 day of August, 2015.

Tim H. Earles
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 09-27-2015



RESOLUTIONS ON DOCKET FOR OCTOBER 19, 2015

RESOLUTIONS	ACTION
#1 AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING RESOLUTION	APPROVED 10-19-15
#2 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO BE MADE FOR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE FIRST TN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR TDOT MULTIMODAL ACCESS FUND KNOWN AS THE BATTLE OF BLOUNTVILLE CIVIL WAR MILITARY PARK-PHASE 1	APPROVED 10-19-15
#3 INCREASE THE THRESHOLD OVER WHICH PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT AND SEALED COMPETITIVE BIDS OR PROPOSALS ARE REQUIRED	1 ST READING 10-19-15
#4 AUTHORIZE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AMENDMENT #2 WITH SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES INC., AN INMATE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, FOR THEIR CONNECTUS LAW LIBRARY APPLICATION PROGRAM	1 ST READING 10-19-15
#5 TO COMMIT TO THE COMPLETION AND PASSAGE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY'S BUDGET AND TAX RATE NO LATER THAN JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR	1 ST READING 10-19-15
#6 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONDUCT A FORMAL STUDY OF SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEE PAY, BENEFITS, AND DEPARTMENT STAFFING	1 ST READING 10-19-15

SULLIVAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



October 2015

Item	CONSENT AGENDA	Resolution
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| 2 | <p>RESOLUTION Authorizing Application to be made for grant funds through the First Tennessee Development District for Tennessee Department of Transportation Multimodal Access Fund. The project is known as the Battle of Blountville Civil War Military Park – Phase I.</p> | 2015-10-67 |
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorize the submittal of the application through the First Tennessee Development District for the Tennessee Department of Transportation Access Grant, which is due no later than November 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Mayor to enter into any and all necessary agreements and assurances to implement this application and the subsequent award of such.

Consent Agenda approved 10-19-15 22 Aye, 2 Absent



Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners
235th Annual Session

Item 1
No. 2015-10-00

To the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners and Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of October, 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

Duly passed and approved this 19th day of October, 2015.

Attest: Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: John Gardner
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): John Crawford

ACTION: Approved Voice Vote



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Sullivan County

*Board of County Commissioners
235th Annual Session*

Item 2
No. 2015-10-67

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of October, 2015.

RESOLUTION Authorizing Application to be made for grant funds through the First Tennessee Development District for Tennessee Department of Transportation Multimodal Access Fund. The project is known as the Battle of Blountville Civil War Military Park – Phase I.

WHEREAS, the Battle of Blountville Civil War Military Park Executive Board has developed a Vision Plan for the Battle of Blountville Civil War Military Park to include three primary Points of Interest as follows: (1) the Welcome/Entrance area at State Highway 394 and Blountville By-Pass; (2) the historic Blountville Cemetery where Union troops were positioned during the Civil War; and (3) the grounds at the present-day Blountville Middle School where Confederate troops were positioned during the Civil War;

WHEREAS, the project will provide the basic pedestrian infrastructure including sidewalks, signage, pedestrian refuge islands and crosswalks to connect the three primary Points of Interest for the Battle of Blountville Civil War Military Park as designated by the Battle of Blountville Civil War Military Park Executive Board;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation Multimodal Access Grant funds can be used to provide the necessary funds to local governments to support the transportation needs of transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists through infrastructure projects that address existing gaps along state routes;

WHEREAS, the overall grant request is \$1,000,000 with proposed funding from the State of \$950,000 and the remaining local match of 5% not to exceed \$50,000;

WHEREAS, application and administration of grant shall be overseen by the Battle of Blountville Civil War Military Park grant committee comprised of one county commissioner, the Director of Archives and Tourism, the County Planning Director and two members of the Battle of Blountville Civil War Military Park Executive Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorize the submittal of the application through the First Tennessee Development District for the Tennessee Department of Transportation Access Grant, which is due no later than November 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Mayor to enter into any and all necessary agreements and assurances to implement this application and the subsequent award of such.

WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUESTED

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

Approved this 19th day of October 2015.

Attest:


Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner John Crawford

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Dennis Houser, Andy Hare, Patrick W. Shull, Matthew Johnson

ACTIONS: Approved 22 Aye, 2 Absent



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Item 3
No. 2015-10-68

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD OVER WHICH PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT AND SEALED COMPETITIVE BIDS OR PROPOSALS ARE REQUIRED

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of October, 2015.

WHEREAS, 2015 Public Chapter 457 has amended Title 12, Chapter 3, to authorize the Sullivan County Commission to, by resolution, increase the threshold over which public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals are required to an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for non-emergency, non-proprietary purchases in counties having centralized purchasing and a full-time purchasing agent; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has centralized purchasing and a full-time purchasing agent; and

WHEREAS, the board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County is desirous of realizing the cost and time savings to the county's purchasing department which an increase in the formal bid threshold would bring, and believes that raising the formal bid threshold to \$15,000 would be in the best interest of Sullivan County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the board of county commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the provisions of 2015 Public Chapter 457, the threshold over which public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals are required in Sullivan County is hereby raised to Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) for nonemergency, nonproprietary purchases.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the provisions of 2015 Public Chapter 457, the purchasing agent is required to obtain at least three (3) written quotations, whenever possible, for purchases costing less than the bid threshold set out in Section 1 but greater than 40% of the bid threshold.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it. The new bid threshold shall apply to all purchases initiated on or after that date.

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

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2015.

Attest: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Terry Harkleroad
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 1st Reading 10-19-15;



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 457

SENATE BILL NO. 831

By Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 702

By Kumar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 56 and Title 12, Chapter 3, relative to local government purchasing bid thresholds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Notwithstanding any charter provision, private act, or other law to the contrary, any county, municipality, utility district, or other local governmental entity having centralized purchasing authority with a full-time purchasing agent is authorized, by resolution or ordinance of its governing body, to increase the threshold over which public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals are required to an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for nonemergency, nonproprietary purchases. At least three (3) written quotations shall be required whenever possible for purchases costing less than the bid threshold established for public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals but more than forty percent (40%) of such bid threshold or some lower amount as may be established by the governing body in the resolution. Purchases of like items shall be aggregated for purposes of the bid threshold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 22, 2015


 RON RAMSEY
 SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


 BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10th day of MAY 2015


 BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR



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Item 4
No. 2015-10-69

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of October, 2015

RESOLUTION To Authorize the Sullivan County Purchasing Agent to execute Contract Amendment # 2 with Securus Technologies Inc, an inmate communications company, for their ConnectUs Law Library Application program

WHEREAS, Securus Technologies, Inc., in accordance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 47 CFR Part 64, currently provides the inmate telephone system for the Sullivan County Correctional Facility at no cost to the county and generates revenue for Sullivan County at an average of approximately \$12,000-\$15,000 per month; and

WHEREAS, Contract Amendment # 1 with Securus Technologies Inc. was recently approved extending the term of our Agreement for another five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, as required, provides inmates reasonable access to Federal and State legal case law and requires annual updates; and

WHEREAS, Securus will provide Video Visitation on up to 34 inmate side terminals allowing face-to-face visits between inmates and visitors, and will provide the Law Library Application on up to 34 inmate side terminals allowing inmates legal research capability; and

WHEREAS, the Securus ConnectUs Law Library Application program is a turn-key service for Jails designed to allow inmates to perform independent legal research by using a touch screen without training or computer experience with online, real time legal information availability; and

WHEREAS, the fee for providing this service is \$.05 per call, which will be added to the "per call charge" calling rates for all calls (excluding interstate) by the inmates; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will be allowed to designate an "Admin" staff having full access capability to the Securus Law Library at no additional cost,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Purchasing Agent to execute amendment # 2 with Securus Technologies, Inc. for their ConnectUs Law Library Application program in both Sullivan County Correctional Facilities.

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

Hereby approved this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Attest: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Joe Herron
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): John Crawford
ACTIONS: 1st Reading 10-19-15;



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Item 5
No. 2015-10-70

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Chairman, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of October, 2015.

RESOLUTION to Commit to the Completion and Passage of Sullivan County's Budget and Tax Rate No Later than June 30 of Each Year

WHEREAS, this body is desirous formally and publicly committing to completing and passing the County budget and tax rate by the end of the fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves to complete and pass the County's budget and tax rate no later than June 30 of each year.

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.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Richard S. Venable, Chairman, County Commission

Introduced By: Commissioner: Patrick Shull

Seconded By: Commissioner(s): Baxter Hood

ACTIONS: 1st Reading 10-19-15;



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Item 6
No. 2015-10-71

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Chairman, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of October, 2015.

RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sullivan County Mayor to Conduct a Formal Study of Sullivan County Employee Pay, Benefits, and Department Staffing

WHEREAS, this body is desirous of a study comparing Sullivan County’s employees’ pay, benefits, and department staffing with other counties in the State of Tennessee, regional city governments, and regional private sector businesses; and

WHEREAS, this study should be initiated as soon as possible and completed not later than May 1, 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Sullivan County Mayor Richard S. Venable is hereby authorized to conduct a formal study of Sullivan County employee pay, benefits, and department staffing, with the results to be provided upon completion to the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners via oral briefing and written report from the Mayor. The Sullivan County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes payment from the General Fund not to exceed \$75,000 for external assistance in completing this study.

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.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Attested: _____
Jeanie Gammon, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Richard S. Venable, Chairman, County Commission

Introduced By: Commissioner: Patrick Shull

Seconded By: Commissioner(s): Baxter Hood

ACTIONS: 1st Reading 10-19-15;

)(APPOINTMENT OF AD-HOC COMMITTEE

MAYOR VENABLE APPOINTED AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF COMMISSIONERS HARE, HOUSER, SHULL, BOBBY RUSSELL, WILLIAMS AND WHITE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY DAN STREET THAT WOULD TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE OF STUDYING AND REPORTING TO THIS COMMISSION ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.

FURTHER ASK THAT THIS COMMITTEE MAKE A CONCISE WRITTEN REPORT TO THIS COMMISSION NO LATER THAN THE FIRST COMMISSION MEETING IN 2016 WITH AN EYE TOWARD DEVELOPING OUR FIRST STRATEGIC PLANNING PLAN FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY.

AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED UPON
MOTION MADE BY COMM. WHITE TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR
SESSION NOVEMBER 16, 2015.



RICHARD VENABLE

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN