

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

000977

October 15, 2020

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, 2020, 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS HONORABLE RICHARD VENABLE, COUNTY CHAIRMAN, TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by County Chairman Richard Venable. Lt. Steven Whetsell opened the commission and Commissioner Crawford gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by St. Steven Whetsell.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

DAVID AKARD, III	MARK A. HUTTON
JUDY BLALOCK	SAMUEL "SAM" JONES
TODD BROUGHTON	DWIGHT KING
DARLENE CALTON	TONY LEONARD
MICHAEL COLE	
LARRY CRAWFORD	RANDY C. MORRELL
ANDREW K. CROSS	ARCHIE PIERCE
JOYCE NEAL CROSSWHITE	ANGIE STANLEY
JOHN GARDNER	ALICIA D. STARNES
COLETTE GEORGE	GARY STIDHAM
HERSHEL GLOVER	MARK A. VANCE
TERRY HARKLEROAD	DOUG WOODS

23 PRESENT, 1 ABSENT

NOTE: Comm. Harkleroad and Comm. Crawford attended electronically.

The following pages indicate 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. Crawford and seconded by Comm. Cole to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 Regular Session of County Commission. Said motion was approved by Roll Call Vote. 23 Yes, 1 Absent

***Sullivan County***  
***Board of County Commissioners***  
***240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session***

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting held in the Commission Room, Sullivan County Courthouse  
& Electronically**

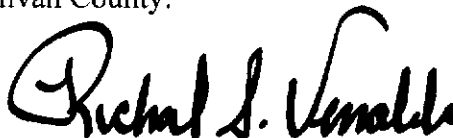
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WHEREAS, our nation continues to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore still under the Executive Orders of President Donald Trump and Governor Bill Lee; and,

WHEREAS, at this time Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable finds it necessary to call the county legislative body of Sullivan County to order to conduct business for matters requiring the approval of the county's governing body; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Governor Lee's Executive Orders, this meeting is available to the public for viewing and/or joining the meeting at [www.sullivancountyttn.gov](http://www.sullivancountyttn.gov) via *GoToMeeting* or *YouTube*—Sullivan County TN Commissioners; and a copy of the agenda is available online to the public on the County's website.

NOW THEREFORE, a meeting of the Sullivan County Commission has been called on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to be conducted via traditional and electronic means to carry out the business of the Sullivan County.



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



**Resolutions on Docket for October 15, 2020**

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**RESOLUTIONS**

#1	RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN: ZONING MAP OR THE ZONING RESOLUTION	NO REZONING
#2	RESOLUTION TO REVIEW THE SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE FULL COUNTY COMMISSION	APPROVED 10/15/20
#3	RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR PROJECTS DEFINED BELOW AS NECESSARY FROM SCHOOL'S RESERVE FUND BALANCE	APPROVED 10/15/20
#4	RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MORATORIUM ON STATE STANDARDIZED TESTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH TESTING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR	APPROVED 10/15/20
#5	RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO CONDUCT A SAFETY STUDY AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 435 (BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY) AND OLD JONESBORO ROAD IN SULLIVAN COUNTY	APPROVED 10/15/20
#6	RESOLUTION TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES – GRANT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020	APPROVED 10/15/20
#7	RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE	APPROVED 10/15/20
#8	RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR PROJECTS DEFINED BELOW AS NECESSARY FROM SCHOOL'S RESERVE FUND BALANCE	WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR 10/15/20
#9	RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) CORRECTION TRANSPORT VEHICLES FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE USING SECURUS TECH GRANT FUNDS	APPROVED 10/15/20
#10	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY'S PORTION OF HOLSTON VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL	APPROVED 10/15/20
#11	RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR IMMUNIZATIONS CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$161,000	APPROVED 10/15/20
#12	RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY AND MAYOR TO COMPLETE THE CONTRACT WITH MBI COMPANIES INC ARCHITECTUAL FIRM FOR THE NEW SULLIVAN COUNTY JAIL ADDITION CONSISTENT WITH THE PLANS APPROVED BY THIS BODY.	APPROVED 10/15/20

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**AGENDA FOR REGULAR SESSION**

- Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- Chairman, Mayor Richard S. Venable presiding
- Invocation
- Pledge to the American Flag
- Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Court Clerk
- Guest Speakers, Proclamations & Recognitions
  - Overmountain Victory Trail Association
  - Clay Walker, NETWORKS
  - Heath Guinn, Sync Space
- Appointments, Confirmations & Elections
  - Appointment of Committees
- Approval of Commission Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Approval of Notary Publics
- Public Comment
- Amendments to Zoning Plan
- Resolutions:
  - Old Business
  - New Business
- Other Business/ Announcements/ Non-Agenda Items
- Adjournment



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**CONSENT AGENDA**

October 15, 2020

Item 4 Resolution No. 2020-10-89

Sponsors: Hutton/ Akard

RESOLUTION TO approve Moratorium on State Standardized testing and accountability associated with such testing for the 2020-2021 school year

Item 5 Resolution No. 2020-10-90

Sponsors: Morrell/ Glover

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Item 6 Resolution No. 2020-10-91

Sponsors: Cross/ Cole

RESOLUTION TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES – GRANT BEGINNING 10/01/2019

Item 7 Resolution No. 2020-10-92

Sponsors: Gardner/ Pierce

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE



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**RESOLUTIONS**

**ZONING**

Item 1 Resolution No. 2020-10-01

Sponsors: Calton/ Gardner

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

Applicant # 1 – NO APPLICATIONS FOR OCTOBER 2020

**OLD BUSINESS**

Item 2 Resolution No. 2020-08-68

Sponsors: Starnes/ Broughton

RESOLUTION TO REVIEW THE SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE FULL COUNTY COMMISSION

Item 3 Resolution No. 2020-09-82

AMENDED

Sponsors: Jones/ Stanley

RESOLUTION To AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO  
EXPEND FUNDS AS NECESSARY FROM SCHOOL'S RESERVE FUND BALANCE

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Sponsors: Stanley/ King

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2020-10-94

Sponsors: Vance/ Locke

RESOLUTION To Approve the purchase of four (4) Correction Transport vehicles for the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office using Securus Tech Grant Funds

Item 10 Resolution No. 2020-10-95

Sponsors: Morrell/ Vance

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY'S PORTION OF HOLSTON VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Item 11 Resolution No. 2020-10-96

Sponsors: Vance/ Gardner

RESOLUTION To Amend the Sullivan County Health Department Budget for Immunizations Contract in the amount of \$161,000

Item 12 Resolution No. 2020-10-97

Sponsors: Vance/ Gardner

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY AND MAYOR TO COMPLETE THE CONTRACT WITH MBI COMPANIES INC ARCHITECTUAL FIRM FOR THE NEW SULLIVAN COUNTY JAIL ADDITION CONSISTENT WITH THE PLANS APPROVED BY THIS BODY



# Roll Call - Regular Session October 15, 2020

		Present	Absent
Akard, III	David	1	
Blalock	Judy	1	
Broughton	Todd	1	
Calton	Darlene	1	
Cole	Michael	1	
Crawford	Larry	1	
Cross	Andrew	1	
Crosswhite	Joyce	1	
Gardner	John	1	
George	Colette	1	
Glover	Hershel	1	
Harkleroad	Terry	1	
Hutton	Mark	1	
Jones	Sam	1	
King	Dwight	1	
Leonard	Tony	1	
Locke	Hunter		1
Morrell	Randy	1	
Pierce	Archie	1	
Stanley	Angie	1	
Starnes	Alicia	1	
Stidham	Gary	1	
Vance	Mark	1	
Woods	Doug	1	
VOTES		23	1
		Present	Absent

Commissioners Crawford, Harkleroad and Woods attended electronically.



# Sullivan County, Tennessee

## PROCLAMATION TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE Overmountain Victory Trail Association

*Proclaimed by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners: Samuel C. Jones, David Akard III, Andrew K. Cross, Mark A. Vance, Mark Hutton, Randy Morrell, Michael Cole, Joyce Crosswhite, Tony Leonard, Hershel Glover, Dwight King, Judy Blalock, Todd Broughton, Terry Harkleroad, Angie Stanley, Darlene Calton, Alicia Starnes, Colette George, Doug Woods, Larry Crawford, Gary Stidham, John Gardner, Hunter Locke, Richard S. Venable, Chairman*

**WHEREAS**, annually members of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association march the commemorative trail originating in Abingdon, Virginia to the site of the Battle at King's Mountain, South Carolina preserving the heritage of our great Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, settlers occupying the area now known as Sullivan County, Tennessee played an important role in the history of our nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the early morning hours of September 23, 1780, the militia began their journey in Dunn's Meadow, Virginia and travelled toward what is now known as Sullivan County, Tennessee. The militia entered the eastern part of Sullivan County at Watauga Road traveling onward down (present-day) V.I. Ranch Road gathering with them more volunteers from the area who had gathered at Pemberton Oak to join the march. The militia continued further along Bristol Caverns Highway, Old Jonesboro Road, Weaver Pike and Pleasant Grove Road to Fort Womack. The following morning the militia crossed the Holston River at a well-known shallow spot called Choate's Ford (Bluff City), and continued their journey south along (present-day) Old Elizabethton Highway and U.S. Highway 19E toward what is now known as Carter County; and

**WHEREAS**, at this same time John Adair serving as Entry-Taker (tax collector), a State Officer of North Carolina, held in his possession the taxes collected from the residents of Sullivan County. At the request of Colonel John Sevier, Adair was asked to turn over the funds to out-fit the troops. Reluctantly Adair complied turning over between twelve and thirteen thousand dollars obtained from the citizens of Sullivan County. The money was used to obtain ammunition and necessary equipment for the volunteer militia which in turn allowed the troops to play an extremely pivotal role in the winning of the Battle of Kings Mountain, South Carolina and ensuring the independence of our Nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, each year, volunteers of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association present reenactments for local middle school students, as well as, free public presentations at local historical sites, such as Rocky Mount, to commemorate the victory march; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Overmountain Victory Trail Association was very instrumental in fostering the partnership between Sullivan County and the National Park Service for the commemorative trail. Sullivan County having four certified historic sites along the commemorative trail: Pemberton Oak, Fort Womack, Choate's Ford and Rocky Mount.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable and the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledge the extensive efforts of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association over the past 45 years for their dedication and devotion of preserving the history of our great Nation.

Presented this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

*Samuel C. Jones - Commission District 7*



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

**October 2020**

**Changes to 2020-2021 Committee List:**

Colette George will serve on Bays Mountain Park Committee

Alicia Starnes will serve on Deery Inn Advisory Board

Gary Stidham will replace Colette George as Liaison to City of Kingsport

Randy Morrell will replace Gary Stidham on the UT Extension Agriculture Committee

**APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**Sponsors of the Resolution:**

Hershel Glover and Dwight King

**Member of Budget Committee:**

Larry Crawford

Per the direction of the Private Act, one additional member be appointed to the Committee once Larry Bailey assumes the position of Finance Director under the Private Act.

### Appointment of Committees

Comm. George to Bays Mtn Park Committee, Comm. Starnes to Deery Inn Advisory Committee, Comm. Stidham to replace Comm. George as Liaison to the City of Kingsport, Comm. Morrell to replace Comm. Stidham on Agricultural Committee

Motion by Comm. Akard to approve, 2nd by Comm. Gardner and Calton

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce	1			
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette	1			
Glover	Hershel	1			
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Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
VOTES		23	0	0	1
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

### Appointment to Financial Committee

Mayor Venable appointed Comm. Glover, Comm. King, Comm. Crawford and well as Financial Director, Larry Bailey to the Financial Committee with an additional commissioner to be added at a later date.

Motion by Comm. Calton to approve, 2nd by Gardner

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
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Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
<b>VOTES</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

# Approval of September 17, 2020 Regular Session Minutes

Motion by Comm. Gardner 2nd by Comm. Morrell

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
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Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
VOTES		23	0	0	1
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY CLERK  
TERESA JACOBS COUNTY CLERK  
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BLOUNTVILLE TN 37617  
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Notaries to be elected October 15,2020

ALLEN LEE BOWMAN  
CARRIE ANN BOWMAN  
JOHN MICHAEL BRITTON JR  
CHRISTOPHER GLEN CAMERON  
LISA D. COOK  
CATHERINE M CROSBY  
JANET P CURTIS  
KAREN R DALE  
LORI DANIELL  
LESLIE DANNHARDT  
SAVANNA DANIELLE HUFFMAN  
DORAN  
JENNY A. EVERHART  
MICHELE L. FLEENOR  
WILLIAM JOEL HEDGES II  
JENNY HERRON  
STEPHANIE RENEE KIRK  
SHANNAN KNUTSON  
LIBBY LAURICE MARCUS

SUSAN F O'CONNOR  
RAMSEY PAGE  
CHARLES BRANDON PARKER  
HEATHER N. PUGH  
HELEN QUALLS  
JACOB SAMUEL ROBERTS  
DONNA A. ROBERTS  
SUSAN ROBINSON  
ANGELA JO ROGERS  
BETH SNAPP  
  
CRYSTAL R STEFFEY  
CYNTHIA THOMAS  
DEBORAH KAY THOMPSON  
ALICIA R. TRIVETT  
REBECCA WHITE  
GEORGE M. WILLIAMS  
KASEY WOODEN  
SAMANTHA KATHERINE YEARY

PERSONAL SURETY

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. COLE AND SECONDED BY COMM. GARDNER TO APPROVE  
THE NOTARY APPLICATIONS HEREON, SAID MOTION WAS APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF  
THE COMMISSION.

23 YES, 1 ABSENT

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY

SURETY BONDS

October 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

Name of Notary	Personal Surety	Personal Surety
Isabella Nicole Pineda	Stephanie Stuart	Randy Kennedy
Brennan C Rockett	Angie Grubb	Diane Faust
Patricia Suk New	Karen Michelle Tankersley	Juda L Nichols
Deborah R Nelson	Jimmie A Street	Ladonna DeCaterina

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

23 YES, 1 ABSENT

# Approval of Notary Publics submitted for October, 2020

Motion by Comm. Cole to approve, 2nd by Comm. Gardner, Broughton, Starnes

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
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Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
VOTES		23	0	0	1
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent



# Approval of October 2020 Consent Agenda

## Item #'s 4, 5, 6, and 7

Motion made by Comm. Gardner to approve, 2nd by Comm. Cross and Akard

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
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Woods	Doug	1			
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 1  
No. 2020-10-01

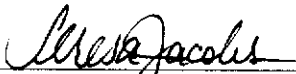
To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

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


***NO REZONING APPLICATIONS PRESENTED FOR OCTOBER 2020***

Duly passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2020.

Attest:

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton**

**Co-Sponsor: Commissioner John Gardner**

2020-10-01 COMMISSION ACTION:



## Item 1

## Resolution No. 2020-10-01

Sponsor: Calton

Co-Sponsor: Gardner

**RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY  
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Stanley	Angie				
Starnes	Alicia				
Stidham	Gary				
Vance	Mark				
Woods	Doug				
VOTES		0	0	0	0
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

NO REZONING FOR OCTOBER

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
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Item 2  
 No. 2020-08-68

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

**RESOLUTION TO REVIEW THE SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE FULL COUNTY COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Employee Handbook was last reviewed and updated in 2006; and

WHEREAS, because it has been approximately 14 years since the Handbook was reviewed and updated, it is appropriate to review the Handbook again; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a committee be appointed to perform such review and update;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby directs that the Sullivan County Employee Handbook be reviewed by a Committee constituted as set forth below, and that such Committee report whatever recommendations they feel appropriate back to the full County Commission for their review and consideration; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said Committee contain the following members:

Three commissioners to be appointed by this Commission and the following Sullivan County elected officials or their designee:

Mayor  
 Property Assessor  
 Highway Commissioner  
 County Clerk  
 Purchasing Agent

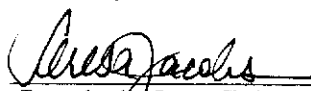
Register of Deeds  
 Sheriff  
 Trustee  
 Circuit Court Clerk

Administrator of Elections  
 Director of Finance

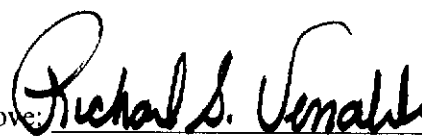
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

Attest:

  
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve:

  
 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Alicia Starnes  
 Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Todd Broughton



2020-08-68 ACTIONS: 08/20/20 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; 9/17/20 amended by Sponsor to add Jason Booher, Administrator of Elections and Larry Bailey, Director of Finance; 09/17/20 – Deferred; 10/15/20 – Approved by Roll Call Vote 20 Yes, 3 No, 1 Absent



## Item 2

## Resolution No. 2020-08-68

Sponsor: Calton

Co-Sponsor: Gardner

**RESOLUTION TO REVIEW THE SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK  
AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE FULL COUNTY COMMISSION**

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene		1		
Cole	Michael		1		
Crawford	Larry		1		
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce	1			
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette	1			
Glover	Hershel	1			
Harkleroad	Terry	1			
Hutton	Mark	1			
Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 3  
 No. 2020-09-82  
 AMENDED

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 2020.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR PROJECTS DEFINED BELOW AS NECESSARY FROM SCHOOL'S RESERVE FUND BALANCE**

WHEREAS, parents and community leaders expect Sullivan County Schools to rival any and all schools in the Northeast Tennessee area, not only in the areas of academia, but also in facilities and teacher/student classroom support; and

WHEREAS, these parents and community leaders encourage the Sullivan County Board of Education to invest in their children, their teachers and their school facilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby encourages and authorizes the Sullivan County Board of Education, ~~should the Board of Education deem it is desirable~~, to appropriate funds from the School's appropriate reserve accounts to:

- ~~1) construct a swimming facility at West Ridge High School;~~
- ~~2) restore and/or modernize the swimming pool and facility at Sullivan East High School;~~
- ~~3) contract to design, construct and install turf surfaces for the football fields at Sullivan East High School and West Ridge High School; and~~
- ~~4) provide each teacher in the Sullivan County Education System a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for supplies and materials for use in their classrooms to enhance student learning;~~

As set out in Amendment #1

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

Duly passed and approved this 15th day of October, 2020.

Attest: Teresa Jacobs  
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: Richard S. Venable  
 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Sam Jones

Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Angie Stanley



2020-09-82 COMMISSION ACTION: 9-17-20 – Amended by sponsor – Amendment #1; 09/17/20 – 1st Reading; 10/15/20 – Amended by Sponsor (Amendment #1 to Amendment #2) to replace *football* with *athletic*. Comm. Cross made a motion to divide the 5 questions and vote on them individually, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cole. Roll Call Vote was taken on the motion to separate – 16 Yes, 6 No, 2 Absent. Comm. Vance made a motion to delete item #3 but failed for lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Item #1 – Approved by Roll Call Vote 17 Yes, 4 No, 2 Absent, 1 Abstain

Item #2 – Approved by Roll Call Vote 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Item #3 – Approved by Roll Call Vote 21 Yes, 1 No, 2 Absent

Item #4 – Approved by Roll Call Vote 21 Yes, 1 No, 2 Absent

Item #5 – Approved by Roll Call Vote 17 Yes, 4 No, 2 Absent, 1 Abstain





**AMENDMENT # 2**

By Sponsor, Sam Jones

- 1) Contract to design, construct and install artificial turf surfaces for the football athletic fields at Sullivan East High School and West Ridge High School ~~up to a total amount of \$3,000,000.00~~ for no more than the amount of the signed contract negotiated by the Purchasing Agent; and
- 2) To purchase and install lights at Sullivan East Middle School and West Ridge High School ~~at a cost not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 based on cost submitted using cooperative purchasing for the parking lots, driveways and sports fields~~ for no more than the amount of the signed contracts negotiated by the Purchasing Agent.
- 3) Provide each **certified** teacher in the Sullivan County Education System up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for supplies and materials for use in their classrooms to enhance student learning up to \$375,000.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. Guidelines to be provided by the Sullivan County Board of Education; with any unused funds to go into a fund at each school for supplies and materials at that school.
- 4) To purchase FFE (furniture, fixtures and equipment) for West Ridge High School ~~up to \$1,200,000.00~~ based on vendor estimates using cooperative purchasing for no more than the amount negotiated by the Purchasing Agent.
- 5) To purchase classroom technology for West Ridge High School ~~up to \$800,000.00~~ using a bidding process and cooperative purchasing for no more than the amount negotiated by the Purchasing Agent.

No funds are authorized to be transferred for the above purposes until the amounts are established by the Purchasing Agent and agreements are signed.

Amendment #1 amended by sponsor 10/15/20

Text additions highlighted.



## Item 3

## Resolution No. 2020-09-82 (AMENDED)

Sponsor: Jones

Co-Sponsor: Stanley

**MOTION BY COMM. CROSS, 2ND BY COLE TO VOTE ON EACH ITEM SEPARATELY ON RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR PROJECTS DEFINED BELOW AS NECESSARY FROM SCHOOL'S RESERVE FUND BALANCE.**

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene		1		
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce				1
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette		1		
Glover	Hershel	1			
Harkleroad	Terry	1			
Hutton	Mark	1			
Jones	Sam		1		
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy		1		
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark		1		
Woods	Doug		1		
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>

## Item 3

## Resolution No. 2020-09-82 (AMENDED)

Sponsor: Jones

Co-Sponsor: Stanley

Item (1) Contract to design, construct and install artificial turf surfaces for the athletic fields at Sullivan East High School and West Ridge High School for no more than the amount of the signed contract negotiated by the Purchasing Agent

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy		1		
Broughton	Todd			1	
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce				1
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette	1			
Glover	Hershel		1		
Harkleroad	Terry	1			
Hutton	Mark	1			
Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight		1		
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug		1		
VOTES		17	4	1	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

## Item 3

## Resolution No. 2020-09-82 (AMENDED)

Sponsor: Jones

Co-Sponsor: Stanley

Item (2) To purchase and install lights at Sullivan East High School and West Ridge High School for the parking lots, driveways, and sports fields for no more than the amount of the signed contracts negotiated by the Purchasing Agent.

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce				1
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette	1			
Glover	Hershel	1			
Harkleroad	Terry	1			
Hutton	Mark	1			
Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
VOTES		22	0	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

## Item 3

## Resolution No. 2020-09-82 (AMENDED)

Sponsor: Jones

Co-Sponsor: Stanley

Item (3) Provide each certified teacher in the Sullivan County Education System up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for supplies and materials for use in their classrooms to enhance student learning up to \$375,000.00 for the 20-21 school year. Guidelines to be provided by the Sullivan County Board of Education; any unused funds go into a fund at each school for supplies and materials for that school.

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael		1		
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce				1
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette	1			
Glover	Hershel	1			
Harkleroad	Terry	1			
Hutton	Mark	1			
Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
VOTES		21	1	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

## Item 3

## Resolution No. 2020-09-82 (AMENDED)

Sponsor: Jones

Co-Sponsor: Stanley

Item (4) To purchase FFE (furniture, fixtures and equipment) for West Ridge based on vendor estimates using cooperative purchasing for no more than the amount amount negotiated by the Purchasing Agent.

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce				1
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette	1			
Glover	Hershel		1		
Harkleroad	Terry	1			
Hutton	Mark	1			
Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

## Item 3

## Resolution No. 2020-09-82 (AMENDED)

Sponsor: Jones

Co-Sponsor: Stanley

Item (5) To purchase classroom technology for West Ridge High School using a bidding process and cooperative purchasing for no more than the amount negotiated by the Purchasing Agent.

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy		1		
Broughton	Todd		1		
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael		1		
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce				1
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette	1			
Glover	Hershel		1		
Harkleroad	Terry	1			
Hutton	Mark	1			
Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia			1	
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 4  
No. 2020-10-89

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

**RESOLUTION TO approve Moratorium on State Standardized testing and accountability associated with such testing for the 2020-2021 school year.**

**WHEREAS**, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a global pandemic that can lead to serious illness or death and spreads through close contact among individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning on March 12, 2020, Governor Bill Lee declared Tennessee to be in a state of emergency until June 30, 2020, pursuant to Executive Orders 14 and 36, due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning on March 16, 2020, Tennessee Schools were closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, in response to requests made by Governor Bill Lee that they close to combat the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Tennessee General Assembly approved the cancellation of state standardized testing for the 2019-2020 school year, due to the statewide closure of schools and subsequent lack of standardized instruction being delivered to students; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2020, the Tennessee State Board of Education approved Emergency Rule 0520-01-17-.01, which requires Tennessee School districts to provide students in grades one (1) through twelve (12) access to six and one half (6 ½) hours of instructional time each school day during the 2020-2021 school year, even if there are school closures or disruptions related to outbreaks of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, by Executive Order 50 signed by Governor Bill Lee, the state of Tennessee is to remain in a state of emergency until at least September 30, 2020 and COVID-19 continues to spread at a rapid rate in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee schools, in order to comply with State Board requirements, will likely have to engage in remote learning, in whole or in part, during the 2020-2021 academic school year due to the continued spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to State Board Emergency Rule 0520-01-17-.01, Tennessee school districts are required to each create and implement their own plans to facilitate continuous learning in light of the continued spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee school districts will be implementing different plans for learning from county to county across the state for the 2020-2021, based upon the needs of their students and COVID-19 outbreaks in each county; and





**WHEREAS**, Tennessee students will likely face significant academic and behavioral regression upon returning to school, having lost approximately two (2) months of standard instruction and attendance due to the extended closure; and

**WHEREAS**, when schools resumed in August 2020, students spent approximately five (5) consecutive months out of school; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee school districts will be focused not only on student growth and safety, but also on recoupment of academic and social and emotional skills lost during the extended closure; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby supports and respectfully requests a moratorium on state standardized testing and accountability associated with such testing for the 2020-2021 school year, to include end-of-year examinations, end-of-course exams, and formative assessments throughout the year. The Sullivan County Commission requests that, if state standardized testing does continue in some format for the 2020-2021 school year, the results of that testing be used as metrics of student progress rather than to determine district rankings and scorings statewide and not count toward student grades or teacher and administrator evaluations, due to the disparity in 1) learning methods that will be used across the state in light of COVID-19; 2) resources available to each district in the state of Tennessee; and 3) internet access available to the student population across the state. Such a moratorium would permit school districts to focus on recoupment of students' academic and social /emotional skills lost during the extended school closure and the safety and welfare of students.

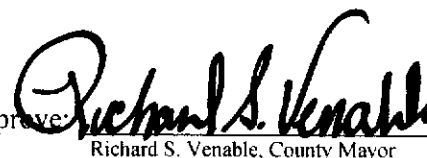
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 15th day of October, 2020.

Attest:

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve:

  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Mark Hutton**

**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner David Akard, Alicia Starnes**

2020-10-89 COMMISSION ACTION: 10/15/20 – Approved on Consent 23 Yes, 1 Absent



Item 4

Resolution No. 2020-10-89

Sponsor: Hutton

Co-Sponsor: Akard, Starnes

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MORATORIUM ON STATE STANDARDIZED  
TESTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH TESTING  
FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce	1			
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette	1			
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Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

APPROVED ON CONSENT

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 5  
No. 2020-10-90

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO CONDUCT A SAFETY STUDY AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 435 (BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY) AND OLD JONESBORO ROAD IN SULLIVAN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, State Route 435 (Bristol Caverns Highway also being previously designated as U.S. Highway 421) carries a large load of traffic to the Holston Valley area of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Old Jonesboro Road being a road well-traveled road by motorists of the East Bristol and Southwest Virginia areas is used daily as a through-fare to access Highway 394, Highway 421, and Weaver Pike; and

WHEREAS, there have been multiple serious accidents over the years at the intersection of State Route 435 and Old Jonesboro Road, as well as, near miss collisions due to motorists failing to stop when traveling on Old Jonesboro Road in both directions when intersecting Highway 435; and

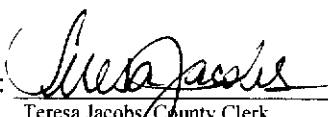
WHEREAS, several years ago Sullivan County installed signs warning of the imminent STOP signs in both directions on Old Jonesboro Road; however, motorists still fail to heed these warnings and often cause collisions or circumstances for the high potential of tragedies; and

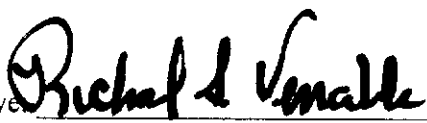
WHEREAS, it is appropriate to request the State of Tennessee to study this intersection to improve the safety of this well-traveled area in Sullivan County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby requests the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation to conduct a safety study at the intersection of State Route 435 (Bristol Caverns Highway) and Old Jonesboro Road in Sullivan County.**

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

Attest:   
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:   
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Randy Morrell**

**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Hershel Glover, David Akard**

2020-10-90 COMMISSION ACTION: 10/15/20 – Approved on Consent 23 Yes, 1 Absent



Item 5

Resolution No. 2020-10-90

Sponsor: Morrell

Co-Sponsor: Glover, Akard

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO CONDUCT A  
SAFETY STUDY AT THE INTERSECTION OF ST. RT. 435 (BRISTOL CAVERNS  
HWY) AND OLD JONESBORO ROAD IN SULLIVAN COUNTY**

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce	1			
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette	1			
Glover	Hershel	1			
Harkleroad	Terry	1			
Hutton	Mark	1			
Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

APPROVED ON CONSENT

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 6  
No. 2020-10-91

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES – GRANT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County will receive grant funds in an amount of \$2,405 available through the Tennessee State Library and Archives for the purchase of technology support for all library locations; and

**WHEREAS**, said grant contract will be effective on October 1, 2020 and extend for a period of 6 months after the effective date. Said grant ending April 30, 2021; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves applying, accepting and appropriating funds for a grant in an amount of \$ 2,405 available through Tennessee State Library and Archives --- to be used for --- purchase of computers, software, networking hardware, and peripheral devices for use by library patrons and staff.

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

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

Approved this 15th day of October, 2020.

Attest:   
Teresa Jacobs/County Clerk

Approve:   
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Andrew Cross**

**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Michael Cole**

2020-10-91 COMMISSION ACTION: Approved on Consent 23 Yes, 1 Absent



## Item 6

## Resolution No. 2020-10-91

Sponsor: Cross

Co-Sponsor: Cole

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY , ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE  
TN STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES - GRANT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020**

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce	1			
Gardner	John	1			
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Jones	Sam	1			
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Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
<b>VOTES</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

APPROVED ON CONSENT

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**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 7  
No. 2020-10-92

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee, Office of Chief Medical Examiner requires reports to be filed monthly with the State of Tennessee providing information on decedents within Sullivan County, Tennessee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Medical Examiner's Office compensates Sullivan County per case on the reports filed with their office; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Coroner's Office has always used a meager amount of supplies and is in great need of additional supplies as well as funds to cover contracted service expenses.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes an amendment to the FY 2020-2021 Coroner's budget to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund which has been accumulated due to the funds received through the State Medical Examiner's Office for the reports filed by the Sullivan County Medical Examiner. 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.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

Attest:   
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:   
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner John Gardner**

**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Archie Pierce**

2020-10-91 COMMISSION ACTION: Approved on Consent 23 Yes, 1 Absent



Item 7

Resolution No. 2020-10-92

Sponsor: Gardner

Co-Sponsor: Pierce

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE**

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce	1			
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette	1			
Glover	Hershel	1			
Harkleroad	Terry	1			
Hutton	Mark	1			
Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

APPROVED ON CONSENT



10-10-10-17

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 8  
No. 2020-10-93

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR PROJECTS DEFINED BELOW AS NECESSARY FROM SCHOOL'S RESERVE FUND BALANCE**

WHEREAS, parents and community leaders expect Sullivan County Schools to rival any and all schools in the Northeast Tennessee area, not only in the areas of academia, but also in sport facilities; and

WHEREAS, these parents and community leaders encourage the Sullivan County Board of Education to invest in their children and their school facilities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby encourages and authorizes the Sullivan County Board of Education, to appropriate funds from the School's appropriate reserve fund account to contract to design, construct and install artificial turf surfaces for the football fields at Sullivan East High School and West Ridge High School for no more than the amount of the signed contract negotiated by the Purchasing Agent.

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

Duly passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored by: Commissioner Angie Stanley**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Dwight King**

2020-10-93 COMMISSION ACTION: 10/15/20 - Withdrawn by Sponsor



Item 8

Resolution No. 2020-10-93

Sponsor: Stanley

Co-Sponsor: King

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF  
EDUCATION TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR PROJECTS DEFINED BELOW  
AS NECESSARY FROM SCHOOL'S RESERVE FUND BALANCE**

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David				
Blalock	Judy				
Broughton	Todd				
Calton	Darlene				
Cole	Michael				
Crawford	Larry				
Cross	Andrew				
Crosswhite	Joyce				
Gardner	John				
George	Colette				
Glover	Hershel				
Harkleroad	Terry				
Hutton	Mark				
Jones	Sam				
King	Dwight				
Leonard	Tony				
Locke	Hunter				
Morrell	Randy				
Pierce	Archie				
Stanley	Angie				
Starnes	Alicia				
Stidham	Gary				
Vance	Mark				
Woods	Doug				
VOTES		0 Yes	0 No	0 Abstain	0 Absent

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 9  
No. 2020-10-94

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

**RESOLUTION To Approve the purchase of four (4) Correction Transport vehicles for the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office using Securus Tech Grant Funds**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office entered into a 60-month agreement in October 2019 with Securus which included a \$900K Tech Grant payable 1-1-20 and expires 12-31-20; and

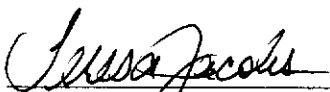
WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office desires to purchase four (4) Correction Transport vehicles with one vehicle upfitted with a cage estimated at \$192,000 total using these Tech Grant Funds.

**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 purchase a total of four (4) Correction Vehicles for approximately \$192,000 and a cumulative total purchase of roughly \$823,000 from the Securus Tech Grant of \$900,000 with roughly \$77,000 remaining as recommended by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.


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

Duly passed and approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

Attest:

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored by: Commissioner Mark Vance**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Hunter Locke**

2020-10-94 COMMISSION ACTION: 10/15/20 – Approved by Roll Call Vote 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item 9

Resolution No. 2020-10-94

Sponsor: Vance

Co-Sponsor: Locke

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) CORRECTION  
TRANSPORT VEHICLES FOR THE SCSO USING SECURIS TECH GRANT FUNDS**

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
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Gardner	John	1			
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Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter				1
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
<b>VOTES</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 10  
No. 2020-10-95

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY'S PORTION OF HOLSTON VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County and the Sullivan County Board of Education jointly owns property located in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Civil District in Holston Valley area formerly known as the Holston Valley Middle School and its grounds located at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway, Bristol, Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education in coordination with the Sullivan County Purchasing Agent has offered for referenced property for bid to any public buyer; and

WHEREAS, bids have been received on the referenced property and for the purpose of this resolution, Sullivan County owns the portion of land designated as Parcel 2 on the attached map; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate the sale of Parcel 2 of the property formerly known as Holston Valley Middle School and grounds located in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Civil District in the Holston Valley area, 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway, Bristol, Tennessee for an amount of \$20,000.

**That parcels 1 and 2 known as the building and grounds of Holston Valley Middle School shall be sold as one tract.**

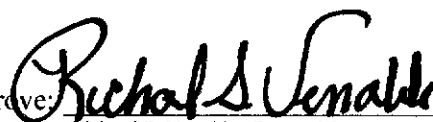
All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

Attest:

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve:

  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored by: Commissioner Randy Morrell**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Mark Vance**

2020-10-95 COMMISSION ACTION: 10/15/20 – Approved by Roll Call Vote 22 Yes, 2 Absent





Item 10

Resolution No. 2020-10-95

Sponsor: Morrell

Co-Sponsor: Vance

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY'S PORTION  
OF HOLSTON VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
Cross	Andrew	1			
Crosswhite	Joyce				1
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Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 11  
No. 2020-10-96

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

**RESOLUTION To Amend the Sullivan County Health Department Budget for Immunizations Contract in the amount of \$161,000.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Health Department has received a grant from the State of Tennessee in the amount of \$505,240. This has been amended to provide COVID vaccinations to the public throughout Sullivan County.

WHEREAS, these funds are 100% funded by the State of Tennessee

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve the amending the Health Department Budget as follows:

**Appropriations-**

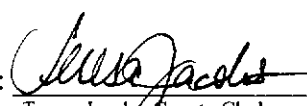
55110.1170.100	Personal Services	\$ 42,200
55110.1170.200	Benefits	13,600
55110.1170.400	Supplies & Materials	<u>102,200</u>
	Total	\$161,000

**Revenue Sources-**

47590.1170.	State of TN	\$161,000
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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 15th day of October, 2020.

Attest:   
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:   
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored by: Commissioner Mark Vance**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner John Gardner**

2020-10-96 COMMISSION ACTION: 10/15/20 – Approved by Roll Call Vote 22 Yes, 2 Absent





Item 11

Resolution No. 2020-10-96

Sponsor: Vance

Co-Sponsor: Gardner

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BUDGET FOR IMMUNIZATIONS CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$161,000**

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
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Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 12  
No. 2020-10-97

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, 2020.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY AND MAYOR TO COMPLETE THE CONTRACT WITH MBI COMPANIES INC ARCHITECTUAL FIRM FOR THE NEW SULLIVAN COUNTY JAIL ADDITION CONSISTENT WITH THE PLANS APPROVED BY THIS BODY.**

**WHEREAS** the Sullivan County Commission along with the Sullivan County's Sheriff's Office have worked diligently with the architectural firm (MBI) over the past months to develop a plan to oblivate the over-crowding of the jail; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Commission approved the latest plan to provide for a major addition to the Jail to cover the current population and for additional growth in future years; and,

**WHEREAS**, just this week Sullivan County as previously authorized by this Legislative body has gone to the bond market to sell \$80M of bonds to finance the project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the closing on the bond sale is scheduled for later this month; and,

**WHEREAS**, the remaining step for the detailed design is for a formalization of the contract with MBI to complete the detailed contract.

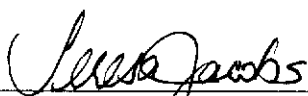
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approves for the Purchasing Agent and the County Mayor to complete the contract for the design of a modern jail including the additional 224 inmate bed build-out within the limits of the State of Tennessee A/E Fee Formula.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent and Mayor to lend their signatures to the document once successfully completed.

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

Duly passed and approved this 15th day of October, 2020.

Attested:

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored by: Commissioner Dwight King**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Sam Jones**

2020-10-97 COMMISSION ACTION: Approved by Roll Call Vote 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item 12

Resolution No. 2020-10-97

Sponsor: King

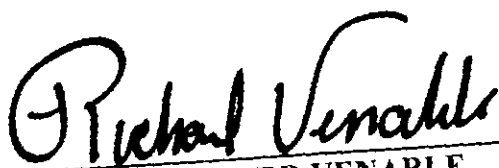
Co-Sponsor: Jones

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO COMPLETE THE  
CONTRACT WITH MBI COMPANIES INC. ARCHITECTUAL FIRM FOR THE  
NEW SULLIVAN COUNTY JAIL ADDITION CONSISTENT WITH THE PLANS  
APPROVED BY THIS BODY**

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Akard, III	David	1			
Blalock	Judy	1			
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
Cole	Michael	1			
Crawford	Larry	1			
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Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
VOTES		22	0	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

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AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 9:40 P.M. UPON  
MOTION MADE BY COMM. DAVID AKARD TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR  
SESSION ON NOVEMBER 19, 2020.

  
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RICHARD VENABLE  
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN