

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

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December 17, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 17, 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. Sheriff Jeff Cassidy opened the commission and Commissioner Crawford gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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

21 PRESENT, 3 ABSENT

(Absent at Roll Call Blaylock, Cole, Crosswhite)

NOTE: Comm. Cross, Crosswhite (in at 6:15 pm) Hutton, Leonard, Woods 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. Gardner and seconded by Comm. Crawford to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 Regular Session of County Commission. Said motion was approved by Roll Call Vote. 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
240th Annual Session

Thursday, December 17, 2020

REGULAR SESSION

6:00 p.m.

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

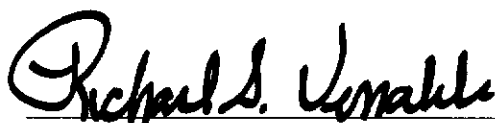
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WHEREAS, our nation continues to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore still under the Executive Orders of President Donald Trump and Governor Bill Lee; and,

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 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 17th day of December, 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



Roll Call - Regular Session December 17, 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		21	3
		Present	Absent

Joyce Crosswhite in electronically at 6:15 pm

RESOLUTIONS ON DOCKET FOR DECEMBER 17, 2020

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RESOLUTIONS

#1	RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN: ZONING MAP OR THE ZONING RESOLUTION	APPROVED 12/17/20
#2	RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE 2020-2021 TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE APPLICATION FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT, ACCEPT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS	APPROVED 12/17/20
#3	RESOLUTION TO EXTEND "EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE ACT" FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEES	APPROVED 12/17/20
#4	RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S 2021 ROAD ATLAS	APPROVED 12/17/20
#5	RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND APPROPRIATE THE REMAINING BALANCE OF THE 2020 SECURUS TECH GRANT FUNDS AND THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE 2021 SECURUS TECH GRANT FUNDS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	APPROVED 12/17/20
#6	RESOLUTION TO NAME EMS STATION FOUR LOCATED AT EAST SULLIVAN STREET AND WILCOX DRIVE IN HONOR OF FRED McGREW FOR OVER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SULLIVAN COUNTY	APPROVED 12/17/20
#7	RESOLUTION TO RESCIND PROCEDURES FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AS ADOPTED BY SULLIVAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN MAY 2010	WITHDRAWN 12/17/20
#8	RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN OFFER FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 12 TH CIVIL DISTRICT	APPROVED 12/17/20
#9	RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE \$2,500.00 (AN AGGREGATE OF \$47,500.00) AS A ONE-TIME MEASURE TO HELP STABILIZE NEEDS IN VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SQUAD / LIFESAVING CREW DEPARTMENTS WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY	1 ST READING 12/17/20
#10	RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY SULLIVAN COUNTY'S SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL	1 ST READING 12/17/20
#11	RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO LYNN ROAD	1 ST READING 12/17/20
#12		
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#15		

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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 & Presentations
- ❖ Confirmations & Appointments
- ❖ Approval of Commission Minutes from Previous Meeting
- ❖ Approval of Notary Publics
- ❖ Public Comment
- ❖ Amendments to Zoning Plan
- ❖ Consent Agenda
- ❖ Resolutions:
 - Old Business
 - New Business
- ❖ Other Business/ Announcements/ Non-Agenda Items
- ❖ Adjournment



Approval of November 19, 2020 Commission Minutes

Motion by Comm. Gardner, 2nd by Comm. Crawford

		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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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

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

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Notaries to be elected December 17, 2020

CINDY D ADAMS
ISSAC BANE ALLMAN
ROBIN DENISE BOLLING
SHANNON C BROWN
DANNY C. BURKE
LESLIE G. CARRIER
ROBIN L CARTER
KACIE CATRON
KRESSIA L. COX
REBECCA ANNE ELLIOTT
SARAH HALE
JESSICA LEANN HALL
KRISTEN HODGSON
JAMES HYLER
KEVIN JACKSON
DANIELLE A JONES

DAVID L. LAWS
JACQUELINE HUNTER LEWIS
SANDY C. PACK
AMANDA GOAD ROBERTS
CHELSEA ROYSTON
TABATHA BROOKE SHELTON
ANTHONY SPENCE
CINDY STINE
ELAINE TAYLOR
TERESA ANN THOMPSON
MARJORIE ANNE THORNTON
AUTUMN WALKER
CRYSTAL G. WEAVER
JENNIFER I YOSHINO

PERSONAL SURETY
STATE FARM
BETTY DIANE GRIFFIN
BRADLEY CARL MANIS

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

22 YES, 2 ABSENT

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY

SURETY BONDS

December 17, 2020

Name of Notary

Personal Surety

Personal Surety

Ray Adams

Mary Glass

Kimberly H Godsey

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

22 YES, 2 ABSENT

Approval of Notary Publics submitted for November 2020

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Motion by Comm. Akard to approve, 2nd by Comm. Crawford

		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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Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
	VOTES	22	0	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
County Commission - Regular Session
PUBLIC COMMENT
 December 17, 2020

PLEASE PRINT

	Name	Street Address	City
1	Matthew Pendleton	238 Hooker Road	Blairville
2	Don Mayers	5375-5365 Bristol Hwy	Piney Flats
3	Stacy Hobbs - zoning	128 Patton Dr	Blairville
4	Donald Lee zoning	478 Hooker Rd	Blairville
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CONSENT AGENDA
December 17, 2020

Work Session was cancelled – December 2020.



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RESOLUTIONS

ZONING

Item 1 Resolution No. 2020-12-01

Sponsors: Calton/ Gardner

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

Applicant # 1 – Stanley & April Lyall

Applicant # 2 – David & Barbara Radice

Applicant # 3 – Gary Phillips

Applicant # 4 – Hobbs Homes, LLC. – Steven Hobbs

OLD BUSINESS

No business carried forward from November 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 2 Resolution No. 2020-12-104

Sponsors: Cole/ Stanley

RESOLUTION to Submit the 2020-2021 Tennessee Highway Safety Office Application for Impaired Driving Enforcement, Accept Funds and Appropriate Funds

Item 3 Resolution No. 2020-12-105

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Sponsors: Vance/ Gardner

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND “EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE ACT” FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Item 4 Resolution No. 2020-12-106

Sponsors: Broughton/ Harkleroad

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT’S 2021 ROAD ATLAS

Item 5 Resolution No. 2020-12-107

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Sponsors: Stanley/ Stidham

RESOLUTION To Approve and Appropriate the remaining balance of the 2020 Securus Tech Grant Funds



and the full amount of the 2021 Securus Tech Grant Funds to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office

Item 6 Resolution No. 2020-12-108

Sponsors: Locke/ Vance

RESOLUTION TO NAME EMS STATION FOUR LOCATED AT EAST SULLIVAN STREET AND WILCOX DRIVE IN HONOR OF FRED McGREW FOR OVER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SULLIVAN COUNTY

Item 7 Resolution No. 2020-12-109

Sponsors: Jones/ Vance

Withdrawn
RESOLUTION TO RESCIND PROCEDURES FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AS ADOPTED BY SULLIVAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN MAY 2010

Item 8 Resolution No. 2020-12-110

Sponsors: Jones/ Calton

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN OFFER FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 12TH CIVIL DISTRICT

Item 9 Resolution No. 2020-12-111

Sponsors: Glover/ Stidham

RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE \$2,500.00 (AN AGGREGATE OF \$47,500.00) AS A ONE-TIME MEASURE TO HELP STABILIZE NEEDS IN VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SQUAD / LIFESAVING CREW DEPARTMENTS WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY

Item 10 Resolution No. 2020-12-112

Sponsors: Jones/ Vance

RESOLUTION TO Clarify Sullivan County's Sexual Harassment's Policy for all Departments, including the Sheriff's Office and Jail

Item 11 Resolution No. 2020-12-113

Sponsors: Vance/ Jones

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO LYNN ROAD



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Item 1
No. 2020-12-01

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

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

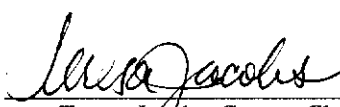
WHEREAS, the rezoning petition(s) have been duly initiated; have been before the appropriate Regional Planning Commission (recommendations enclosed); and shall receive a public hearing as required prior to final action from the County Commission; and

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 17th day of December, 2020.

Attest: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: 
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton

Co-Sponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

2020-12-01 COMMISSION ACTION: 12/17/20 – Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item 1

Resolution No. 2020-12-01

Sponsor: Calton

Co-Sponsor: Gardner

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

		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			
	VOTES	22	0	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

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Item 2
No. 2020-12-104

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

RESOLUTION to Submit the 2020-2021 Tennessee Highway Safety Office Application for Impaired Driving Enforcement, Accept Funds and Appropriate Funds

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

WHEREAS, the 2020-2021 Impaired Driving Enforcement grant application amount is \$60,000.00 with no matching funds required.

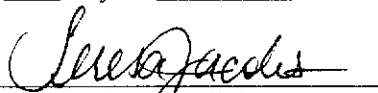
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to execute and submit the 2020-2021 Tennessee Highway Safety Office grant application in the amount of \$60,000.00 and approve the funds to be used as required for law enforcement purposes by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of said grant application, Sullivan County is hereby authorized to receive, appropriate, and expend said grant funds; not to exceed the above amount (\$60,000.00), as required by the grant contract. The revenue account code for the grant is 47990-914 and the expenditure account codes for the grant are 54110.100.914 (\$44,000.00) and 54110.400.914 (\$16,000.00) respectively.

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 17th day of December, 2020.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Michael Cole

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Angie Stanley

2020-12-104 ACTIONS: 12/17/20 – Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item 2

Resolution No. 2020-12-104

Sponsor: Cole

Co-Sponsor: Stanley

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE 2020-2021 TENNESSEE HWY SAFETY OFFICE APPLICATION
FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT, ACCEPT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE 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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Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
VOTES		22	0	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Approved on Waiver of Rules

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Item 3
No. 2020-12-105

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

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND "EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE ACT" FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to adversely impact thousands of Tennesseans daily. Among these individuals are county employees who like many Americans are faced with the financial impact of missing work if possible exposure to or contraction of the virus dictates that they be quarantined or isolated. On March 18th, 2020 the "Families First Coronavirus Response Act" was enacted which among other benefits and protections afforded employees with 80 hours of emergency paid sick leave if certain criteria were met. This emergency paid sick leave will expire on December 31, 2020, absent congressional action to extend the deadline. In order to assist employees who may be adversely impacted financially due to quarantine or isolation, and to ensure a safe and healthy workplace, the temporary policy adopted by this resolution would extend the expiration date of the "Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act" until the expiration of the Governor's declaration of emergency or June 1, 2021, whichever is sooner. All other provisions of the act would remain the same which includes the total of 80 hours emergency paid sick leave available and the conditions which govern eligibility for the emergency paid sick leave. This resolution does not pertain to the Expanded Family Medical Leave Act which will expire on December 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 was detected in the United States on January 20, 2020, and as a result on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the infectious nature and debilitating effects caused by the novel coronavirus, and;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring a national emergency based on the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States, and;

WHEREAS, the first case of coronavirus was detected in Tennessee on March 5, 2020, and on March 12, 2020, Governor Bill Lee declared a state of emergency to facilitate the treatment and containment of COVID-19, and;

WHEREAS, to assist employees, and to contain the spread of COVID19, the Sullivan County has decided to voluntarily extend the December 31, 2020, expiration date for the emergency paid sick leave until the expiration of Governor Lee's declaration of emergency or June 1, 2021, whichever occurs sooner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes in order to assist employees, and in an effort to contain the spread of COVID19, Sullivan County has decided to voluntarily



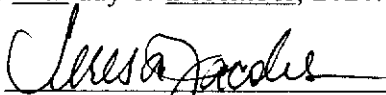
extend the December 31, 2020, expiration date for the emergency paid sick leave until the expiration of Governor Lee's declaration of emergency or June 1, 2021, whichever occurs sooner.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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 17th day of December, 2020.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Mark Vance

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner John Gardner, Angie Stanley

2020-12-105 ACTIONS: 12/17/20 – Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item #3

Resolution No. 2020-12-105

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Sponsor: Vance

Co-Sponsor: Gardner, Stanley

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND "EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE ACT" FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEES

		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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Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
VOTES		22	0	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Approved on Waiver of Rules

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Item 4
No. 2020-12-106

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S 2021 ROAD ATLAS

WHEREAS, annually the Sullivan County Highway Department reviews and updates a listing of County Roads as required by Tennessee law; and

WHEREAS, these revisions are necessary to bring the official Sullivan County Road Atlas up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, a summary of the revisions are attached hereto to be effective January 1, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners meeting in Regular Session that they hereby authorize the adoption of the Sullivan County Road Atlas as revised, effective January 1, 2021. The Sullivan County Road Atlas in its entirety is on record and available in the Office of the Sullivan County Highway Department for review.

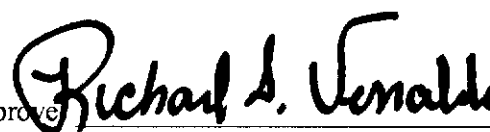
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Approved this 17th day of December, 2020.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Todd Broughton

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Terry Harkleroad

2020-12-106 ACTIONS: 12/17/20 – Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent Approved on Waiver of Rules



ATTACHMENT
Resolution No. 2020-12-106

ATLAS REVISIONS FOR 2021



Item #4

Resolution No. 2020-12-106

Sponsor: Broughton

Co-Sponsor: Terry Harkleroad

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S
ROAD ATLAS**

		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

Approved on Waiver of Rules

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Item 5
No. 2020-12-107

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

RESOLUTION To Approve and Appropriate the remaining balance of the 2020 Securus Tech Grant Funds and the full amount of the 2021 Securus Tech Grant Funds to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office entered into a 60-month agreement in October 2019 with Securus which included a \$900K Tech Grant for 2020 and four (4) subsequent \$100K Tech Grant Funds effective January 1st for each of the following four (4) calendar years; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has to date utilized all but \$283,631 of the 2020 Securus Tech Grant Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will have an additional \$100,000 Securus Tech Grant Funds available January 1st 2021 to purchase supplies, technology services or equipment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve the funds to be used in accordance with the Grant terms and appropriate a total of \$383,631 from the 2020 and 2021 Securus Tech Grant Funds to be used by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.

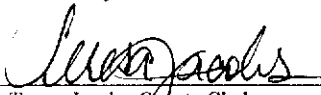
Revenue and expenditure accounts and object code for the Securus Tech Grant will be assigned by Accounts and Budgets.

Waiver of Rules Requested

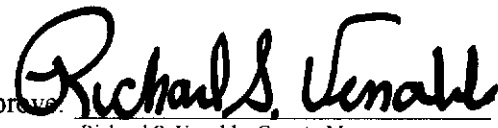
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17th day of December, 2020.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Angie Stanley

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Gary Stidham

2020-12-107 ACTIONS: 12/17/20 – Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item #5

Resolution No. 2020-12-107

Sponsor: Stanley

Co-Sponsor: Stidham

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND APPROPRIATE THE REMAINING BALANCE OF THE
2020 SECURUS TECH GRANT FUNDS AND THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE 2021 SECURUS TECH
GRANT FUNDS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'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			
VOTES		22	0	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Approved on Waiver of Rules

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Item 6
No. 2020-12-108

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

RESOLUTION TO NAME EMS STATION FOUR LOCATED AT EAST SULLIVAN STREET AND WILCOX DRIVE IN HONOR OF FRED MCGREW FOR OVER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SULLIVAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the public welfare will benefit from better deployment of EMS stations. These stations can improve response time during emergencies, improve operational efficiency, and help EMS respond to future needs of the citizens in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, a new Sullivan County EMS station is under construction at East Sullivan Street and Wilcox Drive; and

WHEREAS, Fred McGrew of Bluff City, Tennessee has served the citizens of Sullivan County for over thirty-six years; thirty-three of those as a paramedic for Sullivan County EMS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Sullivan County Emergency Medical Service Station Number Four (located at East Sullivan Street and Wilcox Drive) be named Fred McGrew E.M.S. Station . A plaque in his honor will be created and displayed prominently in the building.

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 17th day of December, 2020.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Hunter Locke

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioners Mark Vance

2020-12-108 COMMISSION ACTIONS: 12/17/20 – Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item #6

Resolution No. 2020-12-108

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Sponsor: Locke

Co-Sponsor: Vance

**RESOLUTION TO NAME EMS STATION FOUR LOCATED AT EAST SULLIVAN STREET AND
WILCOX DRIVE IN HONOR OF FRED MCGREW FOR OVER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
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			
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Gardner	John	1			
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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

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Item 7
No. 2020-12-109

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

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND PROCEDURE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AS ADOPTED BY SULLIVAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN MAY 2010

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2010, the Sullivan County Executive Committee adopted departmental procedures for the Sullivan County Highway Department based upon lawsuits involving Sullivan County at that time; and,

WHEREAS, the current administration of the Sullivan County Highway Department wishes to abide by all State and County laws, rules, and procedures affecting said department; and,

WHEREAS, in an over-abundance of caution, many of these departmental procedures, as referenced above, are already authorized and established through Tennessee Code Annotated and should need no further action granted through a County committee; and,

WHEREAS, many of the departmental procedures curtail the everyday activities and projects performed by the Sullivan County Highway Department on a routine and daily basis; and,

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department respectfully wishes to request the Sullivan County Commission to rescind the departmental procedures established May 2010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this day hereby abolishes the Departmental Procedures set forth on May 5, 2010, by the Sullivan County Executive Committee and recognizes that the Sullivan County Highway Department will operate within its discretionary power established in the boundaries and laws as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated as applying to all county highway departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Highway Department shall seek approval from the Sullivan County Executive Committee when special projects arise which are not outlined with Tennessee Code Annotated.

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 _____, 2020.

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Sam Jones
Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Mark Vance
2020-12-109 COMMISSION ACTIONS:



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Item 8
No. 2020-12-110

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN OFFER FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 12TH CIVIL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Sullivan County acquired real property located in the 12th Civil District through a delinquent property tax proceeding and the property has been offered for resale in multiple county auctions; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of delinquent taxes has accrued since 2002 in an amount of approximately sixty-seven thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars including interest, penalties and court costs; and,

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of twenty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) has been received from Josh Barrett for this parcel of land located in the 12th Civil District identified as Tax Map 29, Group D, Parcels 017.00 and 017.00 SI 001 also known as 1528 Lynn Garden Drive, Sullivan County, TN; and,

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Delinquent Tax Committee has reviewed the delinquency period, location, condition, and value of the property; and the Committee has recommended that the County accept the bid proposed.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the sale of the property located in the 12th Civil District identified as Tax Map 29, Group D, Parcels 017.00 and 017.00 SI 001 also known as 1528 Lynn Garden Drive, Sullivan County, TN; to Josh Barrett for the amount of \$50,000 in accordance with T.C.A. § 67-5-2507.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a provision of the sale be that the buyer agrees to bring the property into compliance with the Sullivan County Property Maintenance Code within one year of receiving the deed for this property.

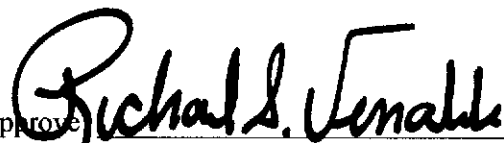
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 17th day of December, 2020.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Sam Jones

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Darlene Calton

2019-10-110 ACTIONS: 12/17/20 – Approved on Waiver of Rules, 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item #8

Resolution No. 2020-12-110

Sponsor: Jones

Co-Sponsor: Calton

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN OFFER FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE
12TH CIVIL DISTRICT**

		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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	VOTES	22	0	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Approved on Waiver of Rules

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Item 9
No. 2020-12-111

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

RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE \$2,500.00 (AN AGGREGATE OF \$47,500.00) AS A ONE-TIME MEASURE TO HELP STABILIZE NEEDS IN VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SQUAD / LIFESAVING CREW DEPARTMENTS WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY

WHEREAS Sullivan County fire / rescue workers maintain a professional bond with needs of Sullivan County's citizenry while selflessly risking their own personal safety during every run they make; and

WHEREAS local fire / rescue operations provide critical fire protection as well as rescue, and emergency medical services. Many valuable services designed to protect lives and property are performed by these departments that elicit peace, health, and safety of citizenry; and

WHEREAS it is imperative, when possible, for this legislative body to provide monetary support to fire / rescue workers to sustain value and keep capably trained boots on the ground; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Sullivan County Board of Commissioners approves an allocation of \$2,500.00 (an aggregate of \$47,500.00) to each Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad / Lifesaving Crew within Sullivan County to be taken from General Fund Account (101). This one-time measure is necessary to help stabilize needs in fire / rescue departments as they (departments) are identified in the *Appropriations Request, BUDGET DOCUMENT FY2020-2021, pages 25-26*, as follows:

Account #54310—Volunteer Fire Department

Avoca, Bloomingdale, Bluff City, City of Bristol, East Sullivan, Hickory Tree, City of Kingsport, Piney Flats, Sullivan County, Sullivan West, Warriors Path, and 421 Area Emergency Services

Account #54420—Rescue Squad / Lifesaving Crew

Blountville Emergency Responders, Bluff City Rescue, Holston Valley Rescue, Kingsport Rescue, Bloomingdale First Responder, Warriors Path First Responder, and Sullivan West First Responder

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 _____ 2020.

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor



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No. 2020-12-111

Sponsored By: Commissioner Hershel Glover

**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Gary Stidham, Todd Broughton, Joyce Crosswhite, Dwight King,
Dr. Mark Hutton, David Akard, Tony Leonard, Andrew Cross, Terry Harkleroad, Angie Stanley**

2019-10-111 ACTIONS: 12/17/20 – 1st Reading



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Item 10
No. 2020-12-112

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

RESOLUTION TO Clarify Sullivan County's Sexual Harassment's Policy for all Departments, including the Sheriff's Office and Jail.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County government has long held a sexual harassment policy covering all departments of County government; and,

WHEREAS, to confirm with the language expected by our Insurance Carrier to clarify coverage for all departments, including the Sheriff and Jail, additional language has been requested.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approves the following language be added to our Sexual Harassment policy.

- 1. No management or other employee may retaliate or discriminate against any employee for filing a complaint. Anyone acting in such a manner will be subject to disciplinary action.**
- 2. If it is determined that inappropriate conduct has occurred in any department including the Sullivan County's Sheriff's Office and Jail, disciplinary action will be imposed up to and including termination of employment.**

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 Sam Jones
Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Mark Vance
2019-10-112 ACTIONS: 12/17/20 - 1st Reading



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Item 11
No. 2020-12-113

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO LYNN ROAD

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department wishes to improve Lynn Road as it approaches and exits the new West Ridge High School; and

WHEREAS, at this time it is the intent for this improvement to include the widening of Lynn Road to a minimum of 24' wide pavement; and

WHEREAS, this work could require the acquisition of new Right-of-Way, the temporary use of adjoining private property, and/or improvement to and/or finishing of adjoining private property in order to complete such Lynn Road improvements and secure the integrity of Lynn Road.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sullivan County Commission that the Sullivan County Highway Department is hereby authorized to proceed to develop plans to widen Lynn Road for better access to and exit from the new West Ridge High School. The acquisition of any additional Right of Way and improvements to private property must be approved and accepted by the County Commission prior to such acquisition and improvements pursuant to law.

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 _____, 2020.

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

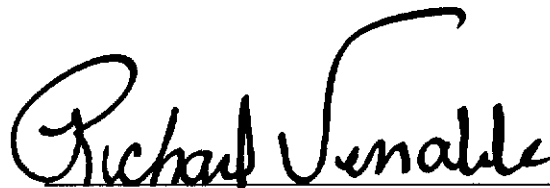
Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Mark Vance
Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Sam Jones, Todd Broughton
2020-12-113 ACTIONS: 12/17/20 – 1st Reading



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AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 9:05 P.M. UPON
MOTION MADE BY COMM. Clayford TO MEET AGAIN IN
REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 21, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard Venable", written over a horizontal line.

RICHARD VENABLE

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN