

# COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

001175

February 18, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 18, 2021, 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:

	MARK A. HUTTON
	SAMUEL "SAM" JONES
TODD BROUGHTON	DWIGHT KING
DARLENE CALTON	TONY LEONARD
MICHAEL B. COLE	HUNTER MICHAEL LOCKE
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

21 PRESENT, 3 ABSENT

(Absent at Roll Call Blaylock, Akard)

NOTE: Comm. Calton, Cole, Cross, Crosswhite, George, Harkleroad, 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. Stidham to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 Regular Session of County Commission. Said motion was approved by Roll Call Vote. 22 Yes, 2 Absent

## Roll Call - Regular Session February 18, 2021

		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		22	2
		Present	Absent

Comm. Calton, Cole, Cross, Crosswhite, George, Leonard, Harkleroad, Hutton and Woods attended electronically.

**RESOLUTIONS ON DOCKET FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

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**RESOLUTIONS**

#1	<b>No. 2021-02-00</b> RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN: ZONING MAP OR THE ZONING RESOLUTION	NONE
#2	<b>No. 2020-11-99</b> RESOLUTION TO URGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT A PRIVATE ACT FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO LEVY AN HOTEL/OCCUPANCY TAX	WITHDRAWN 02/18/21
#3	<b>No. 2021-02-09</b> RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND THE BRISTOL TENNESSEE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 0048	APPROVED 02/18/21
#4	<b>No. 2020-02-10</b> RESOLUTION TO PLACE "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON SOUTH CREEK COURT	APPROVED 02/18/21
#5	<b>No. 2021-02-11</b> RESOLUTION For the Delinquent Tax Attorney to request relief from the Honorable Chancery Court for Sullivan County to rescind the County's bid as to the following properties which were offered in the Sullivan County Delinquent Tax Sale on December 16, 2020, pursuant to <i>Tennessee Code Annotated</i> Section 67-5-2013:	APPROVED 02/18/21
#6	<b>No. 2021-02-12</b> RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT SMOKING ON THE GROUNDS OF COUNTY-OWNED PLAYGROUNDS	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING 02/18/21
#7	<b>No. 2021-02-13</b> RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SHERIFF'S DRUG FUND 122 FY 2020-2021 BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$50,000.	APPROVED 02/18/21
#8	<b>No. 2021-02-14</b> RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL SCHEDULE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE	APPROVED 02/18/21
#9	<b>No. 2021-02-15</b> RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS FOR THE USE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK	APPROVED 02/18/21
#10	<b>No. 2021-02-16</b> RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN OFFER FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 15 <sup>TH</sup> CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP 090K, GROUP B, PARCEL 017.00	APPROVED 02/18/21
#11	<b>No. 2021-02-17</b> RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE CRIMINAL COURT RENOVATION PROJECT	APPROVED 02/18/21
#12	<b>No. 2021-02-18</b> RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE CRIMINAL COURT FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY AT BLOUNTVILLE TENNESSEE FOR RELIEF ON BEHALF OF ALLEN DALE POPE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING 02/18/21
#13	<b>No. 2021-02-19</b> RESOLUTION TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO LYNN ROAD AT OR NEAR WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.	APPROVED 02/18/21

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**Thursday, February 18, 2021**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**6:00 p.m.**

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

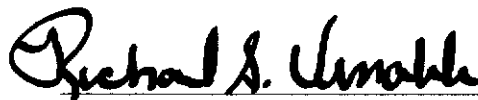
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WHEREAS, our nation continues to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore still under the Executive Orders of President Donald Trump and Governor Bill Lee; and,

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021 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



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**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**AT**  
**WORK SESSION AND COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS**

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**In Person Public Comments:**

Public comment forms may be found on our website ( [www.sullivancountyttn.gov](http://www.sullivancountyttn.gov) ) and should be emailed no later than 4:00 p.m. on the dates indicated below.

On the day of the meeting, please wait in the entry area of the Courthouse until your name is called. A total of 30 minutes is devoted to the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Commenters will be allowed in to the meeting one at a time and will be given three minutes each to address the Commission. Masks are mandatory.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may submit comments to the Board at any time through their e-mail or postal address. Contact information may be found at:

<https://sullivancountyttn.gov/?mdocs-posts=sullivan-county-commissioners-list&mdocs-cat=>

The agenda for the February meeting can be viewed at:

<https://sullivancountyttn.gov/?mdocs-posts=february-2-2021-called-session-updated-2-2-21&mdocs-cat=>

**Those wishing to make public comment must submit your form to  
the Sullivan County Mayor's Office at 3411 Hwy 126 Suite 206, Blountville, TN  
or [angela.taylor@sullivancountyttn.gov](mailto:angela.taylor@sullivancountyttn.gov) by 4:00 p.m. one day prior to meeting date.**



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**PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMISSION**

Date of meeting you wish to address the Commission:

\_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ARE YOUR COMMENTS RELATED TO A PROPERTY THAT IS BEING  
CONSIDERED FOR REZONING?**

\_\_\_\_ YES, please complete questions below:

Where is the property located?

Who is the property owner?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ NO

If no, what is the general topic of your comments?

\_\_\_\_\_

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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
  - Blountville Utility District – Appointment of Commissioner
- ❖ 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



**Blountville Utility District  
Letter to County Mayor for Commissioner  
Appointment**

3411 Hwy 126 Blountville, TN 37617

Sullivan County Mayor

RE: Appointment of Commissioner for Blountville Utility District

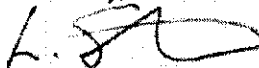
Dear Richard Venable:

In accordance T.C.A. § 7-82-307(a), I have enclosed a Certification of the Board of Commissioners of Blountville Utility District certifying a list of nominees in order of preference to fill a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners from the death of Commissioner David Chambers on December 23, 2020.

In the event you select the District's first choice for appointment, I have enclosed a proposed Order which you may sign to appoint Wayne L. Feathers as Commissioner.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Louie Stevens,  
General Manager  
Blountville Utility District

BEFORE THE COUNTY MAYOR OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In re:

BLOUNTVILLE UTILITY DISTRICT  
OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

1. Wayne Feathers
2. Noel Baker
3. Jim Long





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**Blountville Utility District  
Order Appointing Commissioner**

Upon certification by the Board of Commissioners of Blountville Utility District of Sullivan County, Tennessee, certifying an upcoming vacancy on said Board of Commissioners by the death of Commissioner David Chambers on December 23, 2020 and certifying a list of three names nominated for appointment to fill such vacancy in accordance with T.C.A. § 7-82-307(a);

**It is Therefore Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed**, that the nominee Wayne L. Feathers is hereby appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Blountville Utility District of Sullivan County, Tennessee, to serve from March 11, 2021 until September 1, 2022.

Entered this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

Richard A. Demable

, COUNTY MAYOR

SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE



## Approval of January 21, 2021 Commission Minutes

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

		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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Stidham	Gary	1			
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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

Notaries to be elected February 18, 2021

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PATRICIA KAREN BAGLEY	BRIDGETT YVONNE MCCOY
LISA M BOWEN	J. DAVID MILLER
ERIKA E. BRAMMER	TANJA MOODY
VALERIE G BURKE	DOUGLAS ALLISON MULLINS
BARRY LEE CARRIER	KATHY C PATRICK
PAMELA CHASE BANKS	PEGGY PHIPPS
JUDY M COLE	REBEKAH REYNOLDS
GREGORY E COOK	HONEY RODGERS
CYNTHIA A. CRUSSELL	SAVANNAH RODGERS
ELIZABETH DYE	KATHERINE E RUSH
BRANDIE ERVIN	EWING T. SEXTON
BEVERLY ESTEP	JULIETTE WINSTON SLAGLE
SHANNON L GIBSON	SELINA R SMITH
CATHY LYNNE GREENE MRS	DORIS A. SMITH
CARLEE HALE	NANCY J SMITH
LEVITA M HAYNES-MOORE	ANDREW JOHN SNYDER
DEBORAH J HELTON	ROSE M. SORRELL
DONNA FOX HOBBS	DANIELLE NICOLE TAYLOR
ANGELA A HUTCHINS	MICHELLE L TURNER
EUGENE MARSHALL KEELER III	RODNEY C. URBANI
ALEXIS NOELE KNOLL	MARK ANTHONY VANCE
SCOTT LANASA	MALLORY BURTON WARD
MICHELLE L. LYALL	JAMIE EVAN-PAUL WIDNER
ELIZABETH M MASSIE	AMY A. WILLIAMS

PERSONAL SURETY  
TRACI PRICE  
RICK PEAK

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

20 YES, 2 ABSENT, 2 ABSTAIN

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY

SURETY BONDS

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

<b>Name of Notary</b>	<b>Personal Surety</b>	<b>Personal Surety</b>
<b>Nancy C McConnell</b>	<b>Sandra Spivey</b>	<b>Deborah K Rutledge</b>
<b>Deborah K Rutledge</b>	<b>Sandra Spivey</b>	<b>Nancy C McConnell</b>
<b>Melanie A Smith</b>	<b>Glenda T Venable</b>	<b>Timothy E Scott</b>
<b>Tammie Sluss</b>	<b>JoMarie Hollandsworth</b>	<b>Sharon K Barger</b>

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

20 YES, 2 ABSENT, 2 ABSTAIN

# Approval of Notary Publics submitted for February 2021

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

		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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Harkleroad	Terry	1			
Hutton	Mark	1			
Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter	1			
Morrell	Randy			1	For Cause
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark			1	For Cause
Woods	Doug	1			
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

February 18, 2021

Item 4 Resolution No. 2021-02-10

Sponsors: Calton/ Starnes

RESOLUTION TO PLACE "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON SOUTH CREEK COURT

Item 5 Resolution No. 2021-02-11

Sponsors:

RESOLUTION: For the Delinquent Tax Attorney to request relief from the Honorable Chancery Court for Sullivan County to rescind the County's bid

Item 8 Resolution No. 2021-02-14

Sponsors: Crosswhite/ Glover

RESOLUTION To Approve The Property Reappraisal Schedule for Sullivan County, Tennessee



## Approval of February 2021 Consent Agenda

Item #'s 4, 5, 8

Motion made by Comm. Gardner to approve, 2nd by Comm. Crawford

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David				1
Blalock	Judy				1
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	1			
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VOTES		22	0	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**ZONING**

- Item 1      Resolution No. 2021-02-01  
No Rezoning Requests submitted for February 2021.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Item 2      Resolution No. 2020-11-99  
Sponsors: Stanley/Harkleroad, Cole, Crosswhite,  
RESOLUTION TO URGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT A PRIVATE ACT FOR  
SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO LEVY AN HOTEL/OCCUPANCY TAX

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Item 3      Resolution No. 2021-02-09  
Sponsors: Hutton/ Stidham  
RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD IN SUPPORT OF  
HOUSE BILL 0048
- Item 4      Resolution No. 2021-02-10  
Sponsors: Calton/ Starnes  
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Sponsors: Vance/ Crawford  
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- Item 6      Resolution No. 2021-02-12  
Sponsors: Jones/ Calton  
RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT SMOKING ON THE GROUNDS OF COUNTY-OWNED  
PLAYGROUNDS





Item 7 Resolution No. 2021-02-13

Sponsors: Crawford/ Gardner

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SHERIFF'S DRUG FUND 122 FY 2020-2021 BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$50,000

Item 8 Resolution No. 2021-02-14

Sponsors: Crosswhite/ Glover

RESOLUTION To Approve The Property Reappraisal Schedule for Sullivan County, Tennessee

Item 9 Resolution No. 2021-02-15

Sponsors: Gardner/ Vance

RESOLUTION to Authorize the Purchasing Agent to Enter into a Lease Purchase of a Computers for the use of the Circuit Court Clerk

Item 10 Resolution No. 2021-02-16

Sponsors: Crawford/ Calton

*WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED*

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN OFFER FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 15<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP 090K, GROUP B, PARCEL 017.00

Item 11 Resolution No. 2021-02-17

Sponsors: Gardner/ Vance

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE CRIMINAL COURT RENOVATION PROJECT

Item 12 Resolution No. 2021-02-18

Sponsors: Harkleroad/ Broughton

RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE CRIMINAL COURT FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY AT BLOUNTVILLE TENNESSEE FOR RELIEF ON BEHALF OF ALLEN DALE POPE



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Item 1  
No. 2021-02-00

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

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

No rezoning petitions filed for February 2021.



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***Sullivan County***  
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***240<sup>th</sup> Annual Session***

Item 2  
No. 2020-11-99

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of November, 2020.

**RESOLUTION TO URGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT A PRIVATE ACT FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO LEVY AN HOTEL/OCCUPANCY TAX**

**WHEREAS**, the need for new revenue sources is great in Sullivan County; and

**WHEREAS**, no additional burden needs to be placed to the property owners of our County;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee assembled in Regular Session, that the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee is urged to enact a private act to authorize Sullivan County to levy a privilege tax on the occupancy of hotels, motels, cabins, bed & breakfasts, air bed & breakfasts and other places that furnish accommodations for a consideration, and that this tax levy may be up to five percent (5%) of the consideration charged for the accommodation, with collection by the County Clerk or such officer as the county legislative body may direct, and with the proceeds from such a tax to be deposited in the fund of the county to be used for such purposes as specified by resolution of the county legislative body.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk shall send certified copies of this resolution to the members of the General Assembly representing Sullivan County.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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

APPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, Chairman  
Sullivan County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Angie Stanley**

**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Terry Harkleroad, Michael Cole, Joyce Crosswhite**

2020-11-99      **ACTIONS:** 11/19/20 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; Dec 2021-failed to appear on agenda due to error; 01/21/21 – minutes of December meeting corrected and resolution rolled to next meeting; 02/18/21 - Withdrawn



DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS  
DR. DAVID A. COX

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
ANGELA BUCKETS

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
INGRID DELOACH



SULLIVAN COUNTY  
SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

RANDALL JONES, CHAIRMAN  
MATTHEW SPIVEY, VICE CHAIRMAN  
RANDALL GILMORE  
MARK HUSON  
PAUL ROBINSON  
MICHAEL HUGHES  
MARY ROUSE

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

Whereas, House Bill No. 48 is being introduced into the 2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislative Body, and Mayor are in support of House Bill No. 48; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County School Board, and Director of Schools are in support of House Bill No. 48, and passed the approval of said resolution at its meeting held on the 4th day of February, 2021.

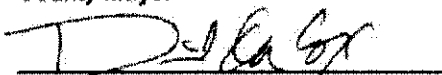
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Legislative Body, meeting the 18th day of February, 2021, adopted this Resolution, and by doing so, are asking the Tennessee Legislature to approve House Bill No. 48, in this current Legislative Session.

ADOPTED, this 4th day of February, 2021.

Approved:

Attest:

County Mayor



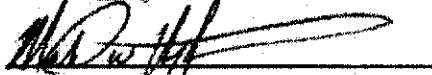
Director of Schools



Board Member

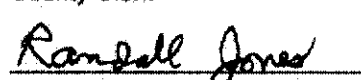


Board Member



Board Member

County Clerk



Board Chairman



Board Member



Board Member



Board Member

SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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## Bristol Tennessee Board of Education Resolution to Support House Bill 0048

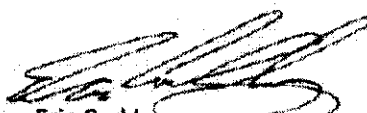
Whereas, House Bill No. 48 is being introduced into the 2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE; and

Whereas, the Bristol Tennessee Board of Education is in support of House Bill No. 48; and

Whereas, the Bristol Tennessee Board of Education and Director of Schools are in support of House Bill No. 48, and passed the approval of said resolution at its meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Bristol Tennessee Board of Education, meeting the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, adopted this Resolution, and by doing so, is asking the Tennessee Legislature to approve House Bill No. 48, in this current Legislative Session.

  
Derek Linkous  
School Board Chair

  
Eric Cuddy  
School Board Vice-Chair

  
Jim Butcher  
School Board Secretary

  
Jill Harrison  
School Board Member

  
Nelson Pyle  
School Board Member



**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session**

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Item 3  
No. 2021-02-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND THE BRISTOL TENNESSEE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 0048**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County School Board approved supporting House Bill 0048 at their February 4, 2021 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County School Board and Bristol Tennessee Board of Education has requested the Sullivan County Commission to join in their support for House Bill 0048 to be considered by the Tennessee General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 0048 proposes to redirect 80 percent (80%) of the tax revenue from the privilege tax on sports gaming from the lottery to education account to an account created for distribution to public school systems for the construction and maintenance of school buildings.

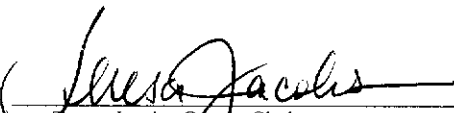
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee assembled in Regular Session, hereby approves supporting the passage of House Bill 0048 in the Tennessee General Assembly.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk shall send certified copies of this resolution to the members of the General Assembly representing 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.

Hereby approved this 18th day of February, 2021.

Attested

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
Richard Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commission Dr. Mark Hutton**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Gary Stidham, Sam Jones, all voting in the affirmative added as co-sponsors.**

2021-02-09      **ACTIONS:** 02/18/21 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item #3

Resolution No. 2021-02-09

Sponsor: Hutton

Co-Sponsor: Stidham, Jones, all voting in the affirmative

**RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND THE  
BRISTOL TENN BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 0048**

		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>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Approved on Waiver of Rules

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session**

Item 4  
No. 2020-02-10

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO PLACE "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON SOUTH CREEK COURT**

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Darlene Calton requested a "NO PARKING" signs be placed on South Creek Court in the 8th Commission District; and,

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

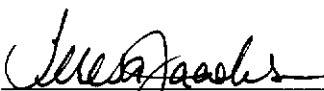
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes the following traffic sign placement in Sullivan County:

**8<sup>th</sup> Commission District – Installation of "NO PARKING" Signs  
on South Creek Court.**

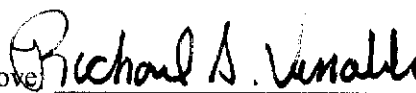
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 18th day of February, 2021.

Attest:

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored by: Commissioner Darlene Calton**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Alicia Starnes**

2020-02-10 COMMISSION ACTION: 02/18/21 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent





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Resolution No. 2020-02-10

**SULLIVAN COUNTY  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**  
P.O. BOX 590  
BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE 37617

SCOTT MURRAY  
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

PHONE (423) 279-2820  
FAX (423) 279-2876

**RESOLUTION REQUEST REVIEW**

DATE: 2-1-2021  
TO: Sullivan County Commission  
REQUEST MADE BY: DARLENE CALTON  
SUBJECT: TO PLACE NO PARKING SIGNS ON  
SOUTH CREEK CT.

8th COMMISSIONER DISTRICT Alicia Starnes

☒ APPROVED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

☐ DENIED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

COMMENT:

Lynne Cooper 2/1/21  
TRAFFIC COORDINATOR DATE

Scott Murray 2/1/21  
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER DATE



**PETITION TO PROHIBIT PARKING IN THE STREET**

We, the undersigned, request that parking in the street be prohibited on South Creek Court, in Kingsport, TN.

Currently, vehicles being parked in the street create an unnecessary hardship for traffic to be able to easily travel our street. Most notably causing issues for school bus drivers, mail carriers, paper carriers and trash pickup; especially when navigating the turn in the cul-de-sac.

Name -	Alfred and Rose Chapman	Date	1-27-2021
Address	291 South Creek Ct. Kpt. Tenn 37663		
Name -	Sandra Slark	Date	1-27-2021
Address	2576 South Creek Ct Kpt. TN 37663		
Name -	Sheila & James King	Date	1-27-2021
Address	257 South Creek Ct. Kpt. TN 37663		
Name -	Jack Griss	Date	1-27-2021
Address	286 S. creek ct Kpt TN 37667		
Name -	Kim Dixon	Date	1/27/2021
Address	2418 S. Creek Ct. Kpt. TN 37663		
Name -	Jack Yeary	Date	1-27-21
Address	276 S. Creek Ct Kpt. TN 37663		
Name -	Susan Snapp	Date	1/27/2021
Address	285 S. Creek Ct Kpt. TN 37663		
Name -	Casey & Amber Carr	Date	1/27/2021
Address	238 S. Creek Ct Kpt TN 37663		
Name -	Zach Bleuns	Date	1-28-21
Address	273 South Creek Ct Kpt TN 37663		



Item #4

Resolution No. 2021-02-10

Sponsor: Calton

Co-Sponsor: Starnes

## RESOLUTION TO PLACE "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON SOUTH CREEK COURT

		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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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 Consent

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session**

Item 5  
No. 2021-02-11

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

**RESOLUTION: For the Delinquent Tax Attorney to request relief from the Honorable Chancery Court for Sullivan County to rescind the County's bid as to the following properties which were offered in the Sullivan County Delinquent Tax Sale on December 16, 2020, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated* Section 67-5-2013:**

- i. **Chambers, Raymond C and Barbara E**  
**Tax ID: 17-021 A -F -021 A -042.00- -000**  
**Property Address: 299 Lynwood St**
- ii. **Hood, Allyn**  
**Tax ID: 061-D/M/061-M/006.00**  
**Property Address: 1550 Nall St.**

**WHEREAS**, the County Mayor, along with the County Commission's Delinquent Tax Committee, has determined that the financial obligations and/or environmental risks associated with the above-stated properties exceed their value and/or economic benefit to the County.

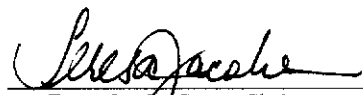
**WHEREAS**, *Tennessee Code Annotated* Section 67-5-2507, allows for the County Mayor to request relief from the Court if authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Commission, concurring in the County Mayor's decision.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners assembled in Regular Session hereby requests relief as to the County's bid on the aforementioned properties pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated* Section 67-5-2507.

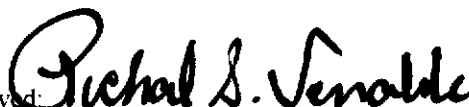
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Hereby approved this 18th day of February, 2021.

Attested:

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
Richard Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Mark Vance**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Larry Crawford**

2021-02-11     **ACTIONS:** 02/18/21 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item #5

Resolution No. 2021-02-11

Sponsor: Vance

Co-Sponsor: Crawford

**RESOLUTION FOR THE DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEY TO REQUEST RELIEF FROM THE HONORABLE CHANCERY COURT FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO RESCIND THE COUNTY'S BID AS TO THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES WHICH WERE OFFERED IN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX SALE ON 12/16/20, PURSUANT TO TCA SECTION 67-5-2013**

		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Akard, III	David				1
Blalock	Judy				1
Broughton	Todd	1			
Calton	Darlene	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

Approved on Consent

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session**

Item 6  
No. 2021-02-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT SMOKING ON THE GROUNDS OF COUNTY-OWNED PLAYGROUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, A "Playground" means an indoor or outdoor facility that is intended for recreation of children and owned by the local government; and "Smoking" means the burning of a tobacco product, hemp product, or any other drug or substance. "Smoking" does not include the use of a vapor product; and,

**WHEREAS**, We know that secondhand smoke exposure contributes to approximately 41,000 deaths among nonsmoking adults and 400 deaths in infants each year. Tennessee spends \$2.67 billion annually in health care costs related to smoking and this does not include exposure to secondhand smoke. \$3.59 billion is attributed to smoking-caused productivity losses in Tennessee. (TN.gov TTP); and,

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County has an adult smoking rate of 22% which is much higher than the national average and some higher than the Tennessee average. Reducing the adult smoking rate and secondhand smoke exposure with children can decrease health care costs and loss productivity due to sick days as a result of children's exposure

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approve prohibiting smoking on the grounds of County-Owned Playgrounds.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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

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

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Sam Jones**  
**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Darlene Calton**  
2021-02-12      ACTIONS: 02/18/21 1<sup>st</sup> Reading



**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session**

Item 7  
No. 2021-02-13

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SHERIFF'S DRUG FUND 122 FY 2020-2021 BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$50,000.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Drug Fund is awarded forfeitures by the Tennessee Department of Safety from property seizures made during drug arrests pursuant to T.C.A. and;

WHEREAS, these forfeitures are to be used solely for Local Drug enforcement purposes and providing education and training of drug enforcement pursuant to T.C.A.; and

WHEREAS, Equitable Sharing Funds from the Federal Treasury Dept are remitted to Sullivan County designated as the Fiduciary agent for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Drug Task Force and their share is expended from the current Fiscal Year Sheriff's Drug Fund Budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approves and appropriates the following transfer of funds:

**From: DRUG CONTROL – Fund 122 – 39000 \$50,000**

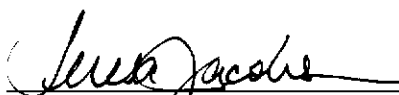
**TO: Sheriff's Drug Fund 122 –     54110.300 – \$ 31,500**  
**54110.700 – \$ 18,500**

***WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED***

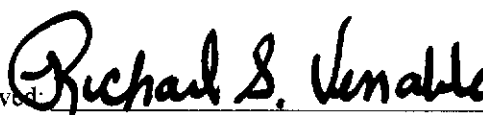
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Hereby approved this 18th day of February, 2021.

Attested:

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
Richard Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Larry Crawford**

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

2021-02-13     ACTIONS: 02/18/21 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item #7

Resolution No. 2021-02-13

Sponsor: Crawford

Co-Sponsor: Gardner

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SHERIFF'S DRUG FUND 122 FY 2020-2021 BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$50,000**

		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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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

Approved on Waiver of Rules



**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session**

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Item 8  
No. 2021-02-14

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

**RESOLUTION To Approve The Property Reappraisal Schedule for Sullivan County, Tennessee**

WHEREAS, state law requires Sullivan County to approve its plan for property reappraisal every four years.

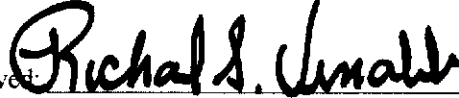
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the Sullivan County Reappraisal Plan on a four-year cycle pursuant to T.C.A. 67-5-1601.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon passage of this resolution, a certified copy of such plan be forwarded to the State Board of Equalization.

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.

Hereby approved this 18th day of February, 2021.

Attested:   
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:   
Richard Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Hershel Glover**

2021-02-14    ACTIONS: 02/18/21 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item #8

Resolution No. 2021-02-14

Sponsor: Crosswhite

Co-Sponsor: Glover

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL SCHEDULE  
FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

		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

Approved on Consent

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session**

Item 9  
No. 2021-02-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

**RESOLUTION to Authorize the Purchasing Agent to Enter into a Lease Purchase of a Computers for the use of the Circuit Court Clerk.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County is authorized to approve lease purchase agreements for equipment for the various office and departments of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Clerk has entered into previous lease agreements with great success; and

WHEREAS, a new system will replace the current computers due to the inability of the current computers to operate properly.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to act on behalf of Sullivan County, to execute a 48-month lease for new Lenovo ThinkCentre M70a all in one computers, including installation, software and a 48 month warranty at a total cost of \$58,825.60 to paid in equal monthly installments of \$1443.58 over a 48 month period with a \$1.00 purchase price at the end of said lease.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these monthly payments will require no additional funds to finance the lease of this system, due to the monies available through the Clerks' collection of data fees. 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.

Hereby approved this 18th day of February, 2021.

Attested:

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
Richard Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner John Gardner**

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

2021-02-15    ACTIONS: 02/18/21 Approved 21 Yes, 3 Absent



Item #9

Resolution No. 2021-02-15

Sponsor: Gardner

Co-Sponsor: Vance, Pierce

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS FOR THE USE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK**

		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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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	0	0	3
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session**

Item 10  
 No. 2021-02-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN OFFER FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 15<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP 090K, GROUP B, PARCEL 017.00**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County acquired real property located in the 15th 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 2003 in an approximate amount of \$9,279.00 including interest, penalties and court costs; in addition, a demolition lien cost is owed to the City of Kingsport in addition to the amount stated above; and,

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$2,500.00 has been received from Pamela Franklin for this parcel of land located in the 15th Civil District identified as Tax Map 090K, Group B, Parcel 017.00 also known as 3401 Glen Alpine Road, 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 15th Civil District identified as Tax Map 090K, Group B, Parcel 017.00 also known as 3401 Glen Alpine Road, Sullivan County, TN; to Pamela Franklin for the amount of \$2,500.00 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.

**WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED**

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

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

Attest:

  
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Larry Crawford**

**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Darlene Calton, Randy Morrell**

2021-02-16 ACTIONS: 02/18/21 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item #10

Resolution No. 2021-02-16

Sponsor: Crawford

Co-Sponsor: Calton, Morrell

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN OFFER FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN  
THE 15TH CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP 090K, GROUP B, PARCEL 017.00**

		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>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Approved on Waiver of Rules

**Sullivan County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session**

Item 11  
No. 2021-02-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE CRIMINAL COURT RENOVATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, due to the effect of COVID-19 on Sullivan County's Court system and the inability of the courts to hold jury trials there is a surplus of funds in an amount of approximately \$61,000 in Account 53900; and,

WHEREAS, it would be advantageous to the Court system to be able to use these funds to complete the renovation project as set out in the attached letter from Bobby Russell, Circuit Court Clerk.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves transferring funds in an amount of \$61,000.00:

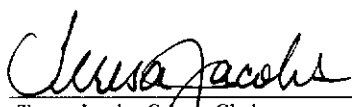
**From: Account 53900 Administration of Justice – Juries**

**To: Account 53120-400 Circuit Court Clerk Supplies & Materials**

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

Attest:

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner John Gardner**

**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioners Mark Vance, Gary Stidham, Randy Morrell, Larry Crawford**

2021-02-17    ACTIONS: 02/18/21 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Office of the Circuit Court Clerk of Sullivan County, Tennessee  
Bobby L. Russell, Clerk



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February 17, 2021

Transfer of Funds Request

I would like to request a transfer of funds from 53900 Administration of Justice - Juries to 53120-400 Circuit Court Clerk Supplies and Materials for \$61,000.00.

This year our court system has only had one trial since March of 2020 leaving a large surplus in the 53900 account. There is approximately \$88,000.00 left in this account and after checking with the judges we are only likely to have four to five trials for the remainder of this fiscal year if they are not reset. This gives the opportunity to complete the Criminal Court Courthouse renovation project that was started using the Covid Grant.

There are several items that are needed that we were not able to get completed due to time restraints. By transferring the money, we would be able complete the renovation and have a courtroom that will not need any modifications other than normal maintenance for years to come. This also gives the opportunity to complete the project without adding additional money to the budget.

I have been working with a vendor and he has given me GSA quotes on the large ticket items that are needed to complete the renovation. The items needed are as follows:

- Remove the 30 plus years old gallery clothe seating and replace it with hard wood benches that will be easy disinfect. The current gallery seating is difficult to clean, disinfect and deodorize and with the heavy use it gets.
- Place plexiglass in the jury box that would cover the jurors on their sides, front and back. The Supreme Court will hopefully be lifting the ban on Jury Trials in early April and it is expected that there will be stipulations on social distancing and protection for the jurors. By using the plex-glass in this manner it will hopefully allow the jurors to remove face coverings once seated. We already know that if jury trials resume and the jurors are made to wear face coverings, we will have appeals from defense attorneys. This is way to avoid bogging down the court system even more, since we are in reality two years behind on jury trials. The Supreme Court has already said they will begin to allow limited in person hearings beginning mid-March.
- Replace the juror seating with comfortable seating that will be suitable for 8-hour days often faced in trials.





- Install cameras for the security officers for them to view the parking lot area and observe individuals as they approach the court house via a monitor. The new lobby expansion has somewhat limited their view and this is an inexpensive solution to improving the safety of the courthouse.

I realize I have gone into detail with the application for which the funds will be used. I do want to stress that this is an opportunity we may not have again without having to ask for an increase. I am sure that when trials begin, we will use the majority of the money next fiscal year as the court system plays catch up.

Thank you,



Bobby L. Russell



Item #11

Resolution No. 2021-02-17

Sponsor: Gardner

Co-Sponsor: Vance, Stidham, Morrell, Crawford

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE CRIMINAL COURT  
RENOVATION PROJECT**

		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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Woods	Doug	1			
	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Approved on Waiver of Rules

***Sullivan County***  
***Board of County Commissioners***  
***241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session***

Item 12  
No. 2021-02-18

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE CRIMINAL COURT FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY AT BLOUNTVILLE TENNESSEE FOR RELIEF ON BEHALF OF ALLEN DALE POPE**

WHEREAS, in Case No. S58286, State of Tennessee vs. Allen Dale Pope, the defendant, Allen Dale Pope was ordered by the Criminal Court for Sullivan County at Blountville, Tennessee to pay restitution to the Sullivan County Highway Department in an amount of \$96,053.20; and,

WHEREAS, since that time Allen Pope has consistently made regular monthly payments reducing his indebtedness to the Sullivan County Highway Department; and,

WHEREAS, additionally Allen Pope has been discharged from active probation and placed on unsupervised probation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners hereby appeals to and petitions the Criminal Court for Sullivan County Tennessee at Blountville, Tennessee on behalf of Allen Dale Pope to accept the restitution paid to date as payment in full for the debt owed to the Sullivan County Highway Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sullivan County Clerk deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Sullivan County Criminal Court, Sullivan County Circuit Court Clerk and Sullivan County District Attorney General'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.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

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

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

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Terry Harkleroad**  
**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Todd Broughton**  
2021-02-18 ACTIONS: 02/18/21 1<sup>st</sup> Reading



*Sullivan County*  
*Board of County Commissioners*  
*241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session*

Item 13  
No. 2021-02-19

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO LYNN ROAD AT OR NEAR WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution number 2020-12-113 the Sullivan County Highway Department was authorized to develop plans to widen Lynn Road, a county road, for better access to and exit from the new West Ridge High School; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of any additional Right-of-Way and improvements to private property needs to be approved by the County Commission; and

WHEREAS, the following is an itemization of the plans to date prepared by the Sullivan County Highway Department:

- a) Widen Lynn Road near West Ridge High School to minimum of 24' (feet) using TDOT design standards.
- b) Work with property owners to secure Right of Way/Easements as needed. Currently there are -11-- property owners fronting on this road, but should only need to deal with 5-6 securing any easements temporary or permanent. These easements would require moving or replacing some fences, sloping banks, reseeding property disturbed, and moving drainage ditches. Most property owners are willing to deed property to the county without any compensation in order to widen the road; however, whether property owners will demand compensation and the amount is unknown at this time. Any money compensation to be paid to private property owners must be approved by County Commission.
- c) Repave portions of county part of Lynn Road and Henry Harr.
- d) 25 MPH speed limit (standard is for 22' of pavement).
- e) Install plowable markers (reflectors) on center line on county parts of both Lynn Road and Henry Harr Road (Henry Harr at least to end of school property).
- f) At least 4" yellow and sideline re-striping (paint) and maybe 6".
- g) Install 3 speed tables on Lynn Road.
- h) Install guardrail as needed.
- i) Install signs (Curve Chevron, post reflectors, Hill Obstructs View)
- j) Maybe do rumble strips on centerline and sideline.
- k) Turn lanes not part of this proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session that the Sullivan County Highway Department is



hereby authorized to make the above referred to improvements to Lynn Road and that if the appropriation of money for the acquisition of permanent Right-of-Way for such improvements shall become necessary, the Highway Department shall seek such approval and appropriation from this Commission.

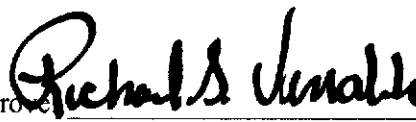
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 18th day of February, 2021.

Attest:

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored By: Commissioner Todd Broughton**

**Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Terry Harkleroad, all voting in the affirmative**

2021-02-19 ACTIONS: 02/18/21 Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item #13

Resolution No. 2021-02-19 (Amended)

Sponsor: Broughton

Co-Sponsor: Harkleroad, all voting in the affirmative

## RESOLUTION TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO LYNN ROAD

		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			
VOTES		22	0	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

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# Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Report – 4th Quarter 2020

Sheriff Jeff Cassidy

## CASES RECIEVED/CLEARED

Assault	163	169
Burglary	46	20
Criminal Homicide	2	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	39	29
Rape	5	4
Robbery	0	1
Theft of Property	144	77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>301</b>

## JUVENILE CASES

Sexual Abuse	30
Physical Abuse	10
Child Neglect	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>

## STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED

Vehicles	168,407
Other	45,319
<b>TOTAL RECOVERED:</b>	<b>213,729</b>

## ACCIDENTS WORKED

October	72
November	85
December	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>241</b>

## INMATE CLEANUP CREW HOURS

October	160
November	160
December	160
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>480</b>
<b>ESTIMATED SAVING:</b>	<b>\$3,480.00</b>

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

MONTH	HOURS WORKED
October	145
November	239
December	272
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>656</b>
<b>ESTIMATED SAVING:</b>	<b>\$10,292.64</b>

## RESERVE OFFICERS

MONTH	HOURS WORKED
October	225.0
November	101.5
December	329.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>655.5</b>
<b>ESTIMATED SAVING:</b>	<b>\$10,284.80</b>

## JAIL POPULATION

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Females	170	156	152
TDOC Females	6	4	4
Misdemeanors	149	151	125
Felons	325	322	305
TDOC Males	172	70	65
<b>TOTAL AVERAGE</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>651</b>
<b>TOTAL IN JAIL 01/13/2020</b>	<b>692</b>		

## TRANSPORTATION

TRIPS	NO.	MILES	COST
Interstate	49	13,579	7,711.56
Intrastate	206	25,988	12,469.93
CON LINK	3	2004	2,304.60
Mental Transports	11		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>41,571</b>	<b>22,486.09</b>
Total prisoners transported			<b>444</b>

## TOTAL POUNDS LITTER PICK-UP

Oct./Nov./Dec.	74,110
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## RECEIVED FROM WORK RELEASE

October	315.00
November	360.00
December	0
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED:</b>	<b>\$675.00</b>

**Quarter 2020**

MONTH	HOURS WORKED
October	0
November	0
December	28
TOTAL	28
ESTIMATED SAVINGS	\$439.32

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Officers' Fees Due and Received	5,445.00
Records Fees	11,898.00
Monies Received on Cash Bonds	18,500.00
Estimated Monies Due from State (Boarding Prisoners)	125,000.00
Board Bill for Work Release	675.00
<b>TOTAL MONIES DUE AND RECEIVED THIS QUARTER</b>	<b>\$161,518.00</b>

All fines and costs paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, including cash bonds, are remitted to the Court Clerk's Office from which the case originated for proper disbursement.

*John Cassin*

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AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M. UPON  
MOTION MADE BY COMM. CRAWFORD TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR  
SESSION ON MARCH 18, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard Venable". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

RICHARD VENABLE

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN