

COUNTY COMMISSION-CALLED SESSION

001164

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN CALLED SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AT 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 Sheriff Jeff Cassidy. County Chairman Richard Venable opened the commission and Comm. Larry 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 D. KING
DARLENE CALTON	TONY LEONARD
	HUNTER MICHAEL LOCKE
LARRY CRAWFORD	RANDY C. MORRELL
	ARCHIE PIERCE
JOYCE NEAL CROSSWHITE	ANGIE STANLEY
JOHN GARDNER	ALICIA D. STARNES
	GARY STIDHAM
HERSHEL GLOVER	
TERRY HARKLEROAD	

17 PRESENT 7 ABSENT (ABSENT-AKARD, BLALOCK, COLE)

NOTE: BROUGHTON, CALTON, CROSSWHITE, HARKLEROAD, HUTTON, LEONARD, LOCKE, STANLEY, STARNES ATTENDED ELECTRONICALLY. COMM. BLALOCK CALLED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING AND STATED SHE WAS PRESENT FOR THE MEETING REMOTELY ON HER PHONE BUT HER AUDIO WAS NOT WORKING AND HER VOTE WAS NO.

The following pages indicate the action taken by the Commission on filing of Resolution #2021-01-08 as amended to support the Sullivan County School Board of Education in their endeavor to build an access road to West Ridge High School as outlined by AMENDMENT #1.

Roll Call - Called Session February 2, 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	17	7
		Present	Absent

Comm. Andrew Cross in electronically at 6:50 pm.

Comm. Broughton, Calton, Crosswhite, Harkleroad, Hutton, Leonard, Locke, Stanley, Starnes attended electronically.

RESOLUTIONS ON DOCKET FOR FEBRUARY 02, 2021

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RESOLUTIONS

#1	RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THEIR ENDEAVOR TO BUILD AN ACCESS ROAD TO WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AS OUTLINED BY AMENDMENT #1	FAILED 02/2/21

Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
241st Annual Session

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6:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA FOR CALLED SESSION

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- Chairman, Mayor Richard S. Venable presiding
- Invocation
- Pledge to the American Flag
- Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Court Clerk
- Approval of Commission Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Public Comment
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 - Item No. 1 Resolution 2021-01-08 AMENDED
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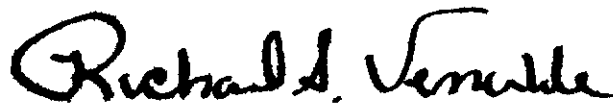
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WHEREAS, our nation continues to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore still under the Executive Orders Governor Bill Lee; and,

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 February 2, 2021 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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Item 1
 No. 2021-01-08
AMENDED

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of January 2021.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THEIR ENDEAVOR TO BUILD AN ACCESS ROAD TO WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AS OUTLINED BY AMENDMENT # 1

Amendment # 1 to replace original language in its entirety.

~~WHEREAS, The Sullivan County Board of Education has determined the need for an access road to West Ridge High School to ensure the safety of students and faculty;~~

~~WHEREAS, in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA 67-6-712 (a)(3) county boards of education have the authority to approve the pledging of state sales tax by resolution for the payment of principal and interest on bonds; and~~

~~WHEREAS, TCA 67-6-712(a)(3) requires any such pledge of the County's share of the sales tax distributed under the provisions of Title 67, Chapter 6 to be approved by resolution of the County Board of Education.~~

~~NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee assembled in Regular Session hereby approves supporting the Sullivan County School Board in their endeavor to build an access road to West Ridge High School.~~

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST: _____
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

APPROVE: _____
 Richard S. Venable, Chairman
 Sullivan County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Sam Jones

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Randy Morrell

2021-01-08 Commission Actions: 01/21/21 1st Reading; Amendment #1 filed 1/27/2021& revised 2/2/2021;
 02/02/21 Failed 2 Yes, 15 No, 6 Absent, 1 Abstain

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AMENDMENT # 1
Resolution No. 2021-01-08

Submitted by Sponsor, Sam Jones

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee assembled in Called Session hereby approves:

- 1) Authorizing the Sullivan County Board of Education to purchase property and right-of-way to build an access road to West Ridge High School including an access driveway from Henry Harr as an alternate route.
- 2) Authorizing the Sullivan County Board of Education to purchase the identified property, using funds from its Reserve Account which will be reimbursed from Bond proceeds, to build an access road to West Ridge High School.
- 3) Authorizing that the property purchased will be owned by the Sullivan County Board of Education to be put to the highest use as determined by the Board.
- 4) Authorizing that upon completion the access road will be constructed to minimum or above compliance standards for Sullivan County and will be deeded to Sullivan County and/or the City of Kingsport.
- 5) Authorizing the Sullivan County Purchasing Agent to assist the Sullivan County Board of Education to secure professional services to design an access road and develop the bid document for the construction of the road to West Ridge High School.
- 6) Authorizing that the Sullivan County Finance Director will direct the issuance of \$6,000,000 in General obligation Bonds and the debt service of principal and interest will be serviced by funds provided by the Sullivan County Board of Education from its revenues.

Item 1 Resolution No. 2021-01-08 (Amended)

Sponsor: Sam Jones

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Stidham	Gary		1			
Vance	Mark				1	
Woods	Doug				1	
	VOTES	2	15	1	6	
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	

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List of Attendees from GoToMeeting 02/03/2021

Duration

1hr 23min

Attendees (56)

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Alicia Starnes

Alicia starnes

Amanda

Andrew Cross

Angelique Arintok WCYB

Angelique WCYB

Angie Stanley

BG

BM

Bobby Runyon

Christy Frazier

Colette George

Darlene Calton

David Cox

Donna

ER

Eugene

Eugene Coleman

Hunter Locke

J

Jerry

John Osborne

JohnGardnerKpt

Joyce Crosswhite

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kevin

Mark A. Hutton

Marty Jacobs

Marty Jacobs

Matthew Spivey

Nancy Corey

Randall Jones

Sarah Wade

Scott Murray

sctech

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Sharon WHITE

Sullivan County Government

Sullivan County Government

Sullivan County Government

Sullivan County Government Projector

Terry Harkleroad

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The Video Guy

Theresa

todd broughton

Todd Broughton

todd broughton

Tony

Visitor

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AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 7:07 P.M. UPON
MOTION MADE BY COMM. CRAWFORD TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR
SESSION ON FEBRUARY 18, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard S. Venable". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

RICHARD VENABLE

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN