

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

001118

January 21, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 21, 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:

DAVID AKARD, III	MARK A. HUTTON
	SAMUEL "SAM" JONES
TODD BROUGHTON	
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
	DOUG WOODS

21 PRESENT, 3 ABSENT

(Absent at Roll Call Blalock, Harkleroad, King)

NOTE: Comm. King in at 6:15pm, Harkleroad in at 6:25pm electronically. Akard, Broughton, Calton, Cole, Crosswhite, Cross, Crawford, George, Hutton, and Morrell 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. Jones and seconded by Comm. Crawford to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 Regular Session of County Commission with an amendment to bring Resolution #2020-11-99 back for consideration. Resolution was missed being put on December agenda. Said motion was approved by Roll Call Vote. 22 Yes, 2 Absent

KINGSPORT TIMES-NEWS

PUBLICATION CERTIFICATE

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Kingsport, TN 1/8/21

This is to certify that the Legal Notice hereto attached was published in the Kingsport Times-News, a daily newspaper published in the City of Kingsport, County of Sullivan, State of Tennessee, beginning in the issue of January 8, 2021, and appearing 1 consecutive weeks/times, as per order of Sullivan County Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE YEAR 2021

Signed Sherif Edwards

Notice is hereby given to all members of the Board of County Commissioners, all residents of Sullivan County, Tennessee and to any and all other persons interested, that an open, public, regular meeting of the Board of County Commission of Sullivan County will be held at the regular meeting place of the Board at the Courthouse in Blountville, Tennessee, commencing at the hour of 6:00 P.M. on Thursday evening, January 21, 2021.

All other monthly meetings of the Board of County Commission for 2021 will be held at the regular meeting place of the Board at Blountville, Tennessee, commencing at the hour of 6:00 P.M. on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month in 2021, unless that Thursday falls on a holiday. There may be other adjourned and special called meetings of the County Commission during 2021 as ruled to conduct the business of the Sullivan County Commission.

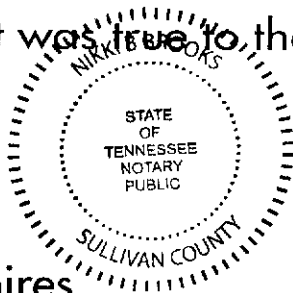
This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-44-101 to 8-44-106 inclusive Of Tennessee Code Annotated.

Teresa Jacobs
Sullivan County Clerk

PUB1T: 01/08/2021

STATE OF TENNESSEE, SULLIVAN COUNTY, TO WIT:

Personally appeared before me this 8th day of January, 2021, Sherif Edwards of the Kingsport Times-News and in due form of law made oath that the foregoing statement was true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Nikki B. Brooks
Notary Public

My commission expires 8.25.2021



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COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR
THE YEAR 2021**

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Teresa Jacobs
Sullivan County Clerk

PUB1T: 01/08/2021

Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
241st Annual Session

001119

Thursday, January 21, 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 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 21st day of January 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



Resolutions on Docket for January 21, 2021

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RESOLUTIONS

#1	RESOLUTION #2021-01-00: TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN: ZONING MAP OR THE ZONING RESOLUTION	APPROVED
#2	RESOLUTION #2020-12-111 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.	APPROVED
#3	RESOLUTION #2020-12-112 TO CLARIFY SULLIVAN COUNTY'S SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL	APPROVED
#4	RESOLUTION #2020-12-113 TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO LYNN ROAD	APPROVED
#5	RESOLUTION #2021-01-02 IN SUPPORT OF DRUG DEALER LIABILITY ACT LAWSUIT	APPROVED
#6	RESOLUTION #2021-01-03 TO INCREASE PAY FOR EMPLOYEES OF SULLIVAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) BY TEN PERCENT (10%)	APPROVED
#7	RESOLUTION #2021-01-04 TO ACCEPT AN OFFER AND SELL DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 13 TH CIVIL DISTRICT	APPROVED
#8	RESOLUTION #2021-01-05 TO ACCEPT AN OFFER AND SALE DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 12 TH CIVIL DISTRICT	APPROVED
#9	RESOLUTION#2021-01-06 TO AMEND THE 2020-21 ELECTION COMMISSION BUDGET FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00	APPROVED
#10	RESOLUTION #2021-01-07 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND PURCHASE REAL ESTATE FOR FUTURE SITE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY ARCHIVES	APPROVED
#11	RESOLUTION #2021-01-08 TO SUPPORT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THEIR ENDEAVOR TO BUILD AN ACCESS ROAD TO WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	1 ST READING
#12	RESOLUTION #2020-11-99 TO URGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT A PRIVATE ACT FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO LEVY AN HOTEL/OCCUPANCY TAX	DEFERRED

Roll Call - Regular Session January 21, 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		21	3
		Present	Absent

Commissioners Akard, Calton, Cole, Cross, Crosswhite, George and Hutton attended electronically.

King in at 6:12pm after roll call

Harkleroad in electronically at 6:25 pm after roll call

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Thursday, January 21, 2021

6:00 p.m.

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

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 December 17, 2020 Regular Session Minutes (**as amended)

Motion by Comm. Jones 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			
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

****Amended to bring back up for consideration Resolution #2020-11-99 from November Resolution not placed on agenda for December meeting.**

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 January 21, 2021

CORY A ARMSTRONG	CHESTALENE B. MYERS
CLAY AUSTIN	APRIL LEIGH PAINTER
TINA MARIE AUSTIN	CHRISTOPHER DAVID PETERS
RACHEL A. BISHOP	MONICA RENEE PIERSON
GARY WAYNE BLEDSOE	IRENE J. POULTON
JAMA BURNETT	JEANNE K PRICE
ROSE MARIE BYINGTON	JOSHUA N ROUTH
CHRIS ALLEN CHRISTIAN	DEBORAH K. RUTLEDGE
STEPHANIE B CLISSO	TRICIA MCCLURE SALE
STEPHEN MICHAEL COUNTS JR	KRISTY SAWYER
LETTIE COX	MADISON SHULTZ
LOLA MINTON DEAN	TAMMIE SLUSS
ZONA L. DENETTE	C. BRAD SPROLES
BRANDE R DOSS	KYRA STEPHENS
MEGAN NICOLE ERWIN	DANIA W. STRONG
SHIANE ESPINOZA	SANDRA STURGILL
MELISSA DAWN FIELDS	GLADYS SYMONDS
NICHOLAS C HALL	TINA D TAYLOR
ROBERT K HARRIS	REBECCA ANN THEALL
DEETTE L.M. HENDERSON	ANGELA R THORNSBERRY
KEVIN RICHARD HICKS	ASHLEY TODD
CARL A. HOUSER	ROCHELLE DENISE TRENT
TAMYRA JADE HOWELL	SHARON L UYEDA
BREANNA NICOLE HUGHES	SUSIE DENICE VAUGHN
CARMEN LEIGH JOHNSON	WILLIAM WALLACE
SHARON E KEGLEY	SHARON WARE MCCLEOD
COLLEEN B. KUDEREWski	VALERIE A WARUSZEWSKI
NANCY C MCCONNELL	DAVID L. WEBB JR.
MICHELLE LYNN MINOR	TAMMY WILLIAMS
AMBER C MULLINS	JIMMY WINGFIELD
GARY MUNT	
SHEILA DIANNE MURRAY	

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. COLE AND SECONDED BY COMM. STIDHAM 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

January 21, 2021

Name of Notary	Personal Surety	Personal Surety
C Edwin Williams	Charles W. Hunt	Chuck Williams
Randi Searcy	Daniel Ownby	Vince Turner

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. COLE 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.

22 YES, 2 ABSENT

Approval of Notary Publics submitted for January, 2021

Motion by Comm. Cole 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			
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

SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
County Commission - Regular Session
PUBLIC COMMENT

January 21, 2021

Choose ONE:

	Zoning	General Comments	PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION			
			Name	Street Address	City	Cell Phone
1		✓	Gene Medinger	328 Sperry Cir	Bristol	423-341-6032
2		✓	Chris Elcus	4623 Weber Pike	Bluff City	423-538-7425
3		✓	Kelly Elcus	4623 Weber Pike	Bluff City	423-538-7425
4		✓	TOM WHITE	1080 WALNUT GROVE RD	BLUFF CITY	423-268-0292
5		✓	Mike Marshall	169 Odum Pl. Dr.	Bluff City	Waiting outside
6		✓	James Rhymen	456 Peoples	Bristol TN	423-503-3957
7		✓	Rodney Padgett	1125 GUTHRIE RD	Blountville TN	423-306-0799
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CONSENT AGENDA

January 21, 2021

Item 5 Resolution No. 2021-01-02

Sponsors: Leonard/ Cole

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DRUG DEALER LIABILITY ACT LAWSUIT

Item 7 Resolution No. 2021-01-04

Sponsors: Vance/ Calton

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN OFFER AND SALE DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED
IN THE 13TH CIVIL DISTRICT LOCATED AT 1336 GRANT PLACE

Item 8 Resolution No. 2021-01-05

Sponsors: Crawford/ Vance

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN OFFER AND SALE DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED
IN THE 12th CIVIL DISTRICT LOCATED AT 998 OAK GLEN DRIVE

Item 9 Resolution No. 2021-01-06

Sponsors: Gardner/ Cole

RESOLUTION To Amend the 2020 – 21 FY Election Commission Budget for a Grant in the Amount
of \$25,000.00



Approval of January 2021 Consent Agenda

001123

Item #'s 5, 7, 8 and 9

Motion made by Comm. Gardner 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			
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			
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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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RESOLUTIONS

ZONING

Item 1 Resolution No. 2021-01-01

Sponsors: Calton/ Gardner

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

Applicant # 1 – Betty Eleas and son, Chris Eleas

OLD BUSINESS

Item 2 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 3 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 4 Resolution No. 2020-12-113

Sponsors: Vance/ Jones

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO LYNN ROAD

NEW BUSINESS

Item 5 Resolution No. 2021-01-02

Sponsors: Leonard/ Cole

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DRUG DEALER LIABILITY ACT LAWSUIT

Item 6 Resolution No. 2021-01-03

Sponsors: Vance/ George

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE PAY FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF SULLIVAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) BY TEN PERCENT (10%)



Item 7 Resolution No. 2021-01-04

Sponsors: Vance/ Calton

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Item 8 Resolution No. 2021-01-05

Sponsors: Crawford/ Vance

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN OFFER AND SALE DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 12th CIVIL DISTRICT LOCATED AT 998 OAK GLEN DRIVE

Item 9 Resolution No. 2021-01-06

Sponsors: Gardner/ Cole

RESOLUTION To Amend the 2020 – 21 FY Election Commission Budget for a Grant in the Amount of \$25,000.00

Item 10 Resolution No. 2021-01-07

Sponsors: Morrell/ Stanley

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND PURCHASE REAL ESTATE FOR FUTURE SITE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY ARCHIVES

Item 11 Resolution No. 2021-01-08

Sponsors: Jones/Morrell

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THEIR ENDEAVOR TO BUILD AN ACCESS ROAD TO WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Item 12 Resolution No. 2020-11-99 (OLD BUSINESS)

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



REZONING OVERVIEW

January 21, 2021

RESOLUTION #1 - To Consider the Waiver of Rules for the following zoning amendments (map or text).
 motion by: _____ 2nd by: _____

[illegible]

Sponsors: Calton/Gardner
Rezoning File #1

Betty and Chris Eleas

		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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Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia	1			
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
VOTES		23	0	0	1
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
241st Annual Session

Item 1
No. 2021-01-00

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 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 21st day of January 2021.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton

Co-Sponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

2021-01-01 COMMISSION ACTION: 01/21/21 – Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item 1

Resolution No. 2021-01-00

Sponsors: Calton/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			
Gardner	John	1			
George	Colette	1			
Glover	Hershel	1			
Harkleroad	Terry	1			
Herron	Joe	1			
Hutton	Mark	1			
Jones	Sam	1			
King	Dwight	1			
Leonard	Tony	1			
Locke	Hunter	1			
Morrell	Randy	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
Board of County Commissioners
240th Annual Session

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Item 2
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 21st day of January, 2021.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor



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 First Reading; 01/21/21 Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item 2 Resolution No. 2020-12-111

Sponsors: Glover, Stidham, Broughton, Crosswhite, King, Hutton
Akard, Leonard, Cross, Harkleroad, Stanley, everyone voting in affirm.

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 Depts. within Sullivan County

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

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Item 3
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 21st day of January, 2021.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Sam Jones

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Mark Vance

2019-10-112 ACTIONS: 12/17/20 First Reading; 01/21/21 Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item 3

Resolution No. 2020-12-112

001138

Sponsor: Jones

Co-Sponsor: Vance

RESOLUTION to clarify Sullivan County's Sexual Harassment Policy for all depts including the Sheriff's Office and Jail.

		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

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Item 4
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

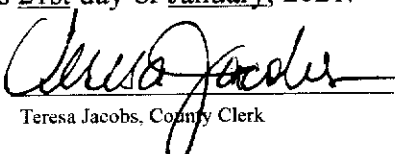
WHEREAS, this work could require the acquisition of new Right-of-Way, the temporary use of adjoining private property, and/or improvement to and/or finishing of adjoining private property in order to complete such Lynn Road improvements and secure the integrity of Lynn Road.

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.

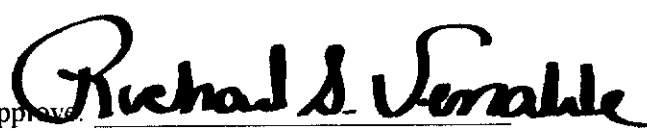
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 21st day of January, 2021.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Todd Broughton

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Sam Jones, Mark Vance

2020-12-113 ACTIONS: 12/17/20 First Reading; 1/12/21 – change in sponsor; 01/21/21 Approved 22 Yes,
2 Absent



Item 4

Resolution No. 2020-12-113

001140

Sponsor: Broughton

Co-Sponsor: Jones, Vance

RESOLUTION to authorize 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			
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

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Item 5
No. 2021-01-02

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 IN SUPPORT OF DRUG DEALER LIABILITY ACT LAWSUIT

The Sullivan County Legislative Body meeting in regular session on the 21st day of January 2021, a quorum being present and a majority voting in the affirmative, hereby RESOLVES as follows:

WHEREAS, Sullivan County, as well as other counties in Tennessee and in surrounding states, has experienced an epidemic related to the distribution and use of opioids by its citizens that has generated critical issues and problems for Sullivan County, including but not limited to opioid addiction by Sullivan County citizens, drug overdose deaths, the birth of drug dependent babies, a rise in criminal charges convictions for the illegal sale and use of opioids as well as other crimes resulting from the opioid abuse epidemic, including but not limited to burglary, theft, and fraud, and the loss of productivity of the citizens in the workplace, damage and destruction to the family unit, all resulting from the illegal sale, distribution, and use of opioids in Sullivan County;

WHEREAS, District Attorney Barry Staubus is the duly elected District Attorney General for the Second Judicial District of the State of Tennessee;

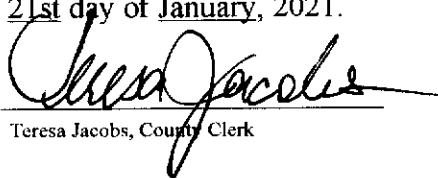
WHEREAS, General Staubus brought a lawsuit in 2017 through the law firm of Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings, PLLC to recover money for Sullivan County under Tennessee's Drug Dealer Liability Act ("DDLA"), and that lawsuit is pending Sullivan County Circuit Court;

The Sullivan County Commission hereby RESOLVES that it fully supports the lawsuit, approves of the actions taken in the lawsuit thus far on its behalf, approves of the lawsuit going forward with Sullivan County as the named plaintiff, and retains District Attorney Barry Staubus and the law firm of Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings, PLLC as counsel in this matter.


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 21st day of January, 2021.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Tony Leonard

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

2021-01-02 ACTIONS: 01/21/21 Approved on Consent, 22 Yes, 2 Absent



RETAINER AGREEMENT

This agreement is made between Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings, PLLC, and Barry Staubus, District Attorney General for the Second Judicial District, hereafter referred to as "Attorneys," and Sullivan County, Tennessee. The terms of our representation are as follows:

Services to be Rendered:

The legal services to be provided under this agreement are as follows:

1. Representation in a lawsuit relating to the opioid crisis in Tennessee, filed in Sullivan County.
2. Attorneys will make best efforts in the representation and shall adhere to the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct in all respects.

Cost of Services:

The costs of services to be provided under this agreement are as follows:

1. Attorneys will advance all litigation costs. Client has no obligation to reimburse attorneys for any costs of litigation, unless successful. Attorneys have the right to petition the court for the reimbursement of any costs associated with the litigation.
2. Attorneys have the right to petition the court, if successful, for attorneys' fees on the basis of fee reversal, fee shifting, or fees pursuant to a common fund. Attorneys will make every effort to avoid a contingency fee situation, but in the case of a lump sum settlement, Attorneys will be entitled to 25% of total recovery plus costs advanced in the litigation.

Risk of Legal Action:

It is impossible to predict the result of a legal action. Client recognizes that Attorneys cannot guarantee a favorable result in this case.



Client:
Sullivan County, Tennessee
Mayor Richard Venable

Firm:
Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings, PLLC
The Freedom Center
223 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Suite 200
Nashville, TN 37203

Date

Barry P. Staubus
District Attorney General
Second Judicial District



Item 5

Resolution No. 2021-01-02

Sponsor: Leonard

Co-Sponsor: Cole, Crosswhite, all voting in affirmative added as co-sponsor

RESOLUTION in support of drug dealer liability act lawsuit.

		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 CONSENT

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Item 6
No. 2021-01-03

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 INCREASE PAY FOR EMPLOYEES OF SULLIVAN COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) BY TEN PERCENT (10%)**

WHEREAS, money was appropriated in the 2020-2021 budget to give all full-time and part-time employees of Sullivan County Emergency Service (EMS) a raise of Ten Percent (10%); and

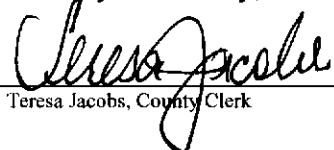
WHEREAS, to date, EMS employees have not been given such raise.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves and directs that all full-time and part-time employees of Sullivan County Emergency Service (EMS) be given the necessary pay raise to increase their individual rates of pay by ten percent (10%) over their rate of pay as of the end of fiscal year 2020, said pay raises to be effective as of the date of passage of this resolution but not retroactive.

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 21st day of January, 2021.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Mark Vance

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Colette George, Archie Pierce, John Gardner, Darlene Calton, Todd Broughton, David Akard

2021-01-03 ACTIONS: 01/21/21 Approved on Waiver of Rules, 19 Yes, 4 Abstain, 1 Absent



EMS Pay Facts.

Sullivan County EMA Starting Pay for EMT'S (\$11.22)

Sullivan County EMS Starting Pay for EMT-B'S (\$ 8.79) EMT-A (\$ 9.62)

Difference of	\$2.43	\$1.60
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(Same Level of Training.)

Bristol TN Fire Dept starting Pay for EMT'S \$10.15

Sullivan County EMS starting Pay for EMT'S \$8.79

Difference of (\$1.36)

BVFD, SWVFD and WPVFD starting Pay for EMT'S (\$10.00)

Sullivan County EMS starting Pay for EMT'S (\$8.79/\$9.62)

Washington County EMS 6 year Paramedic hourly \$14.55

Sullivan County EMS 6 year Paramedic hourly \$ 12.85

Difference of (\$1.70)

Question: Why hasnt the raise been given to the EMS employee's?

This request has been placed in the 2020/2021 budget and approved.

The constant issue has been Mayor Venable refuses to instruct the payroll department to process the pay increase as voted on by the county board of commissioners. In October the Payroll was submitted but rejected by the Accounts and Budget Dept.

This resolution is go on record that the County Commission supports the men and women of EMS and encourage the Mayor to approve the 10% raise to bring the employees closer to the regions pay scale for EMT'S and Paramedics.

RESOLUTION #6

Item 6

Resolution No. 2021-01-03

Sponsor: Vance

Co-Sponsor: George, Pierce, Gardner, Calton, Broughton, Akard, Morrell,
Crawford, Stidham, Jones, HarkleroadRESOLUTION to increase pay for employees of Sullivan County Emergency Medical
Service (EMS) by Ten Percent (10%)

		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	(For Cause)
Morrell	Randy	1			
Pierce	Archie	1			
Stanley	Angie	1			
Starnes	Alicia			1	
Stidham	Gary	1			
Vance	Mark	1			
Woods	Doug	1			
VOTES		19	0	4	1
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

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Item 7
No. 2021-01-04

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 ACCEPT AN OFFER AND SALE DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 13TH CIVIL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Sullivan County acquired real property located in the 13th 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, including court costs, interest and attorney fees, has accrued since 2008 in an amount of approximately seven thousand five hundred eighteen dollars; and,

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) has been received from Daniel V. Davis for this parcel of land located in the 13th Civil District identified as Tax Map 76A, Group A, Parcels 020.00 also known as 1336 Grant Place, Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee; 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.

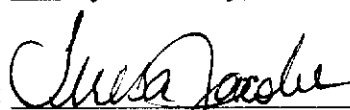
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the sale of the property located in the 13th Civil District identified as Tax Map 76A, Group A, Parcels 020.00 also known as 1336 Grant Place, Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee, to Daniel V. Davis for the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) as permitted by 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 21st day of January, 2021.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Mark Vance

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Darlene Calton

2021-01-04 ACTIONS: 01/21/21 Approved on Consent, 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item 7

Resolution No. 2021-01-04

001143

Sponsor: Vance

Co-Sponsor: Calton

RESOLUTION to accept an offer and sell delinquent tax property located in the 13th 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			
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 Consent

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Item 8
No. 2021-01-05

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 ACCEPT AN OFFER AND SALE 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, including court costs, interest and attorney fees, has accrued in an amount of approximately three thousand seven hundred sixty-three dollars; and,

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) has been received from Danny Moody for this parcel of land located in the 12th Civil District identified as Tax Map 30I, Group C, Parcels 037.00 also known as 998 Oak Glen Drive, Kingsport, Sullivan County, TN; and,

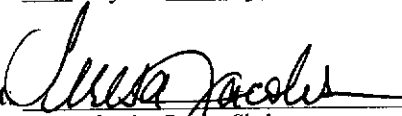
WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Delinquent Tax Committee has reviewed the delinquency period, location, condition, and value of the property; and the Committee has recommended that the County accept the bid proposed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the sale of property located in the 12th Civil District identified as Tax Map 30I, Group C, Parcel 037.00 also known as 998 Oak Glen Drive, Kingsport, Sullivan County, TN, to Danny Moody for the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) as permitted by 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 21st day of January, 2021.

Attest: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: 
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Mark Vance

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Darlene Calton

2021-01-05 **ACTIONS:** 01/21/21 Approved on Consent, 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item 8

Resolution No. 2021-01-05

Sponsor: Vance

Co-Sponsor: Calton

RESOLUTION to accept an offer and sell 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			
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	Angle	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

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Item 9
No. 2021-01-06

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 Amend the 2020 – 21 FY Election Commission Budget for a Grant in the Amount of \$25,000.00

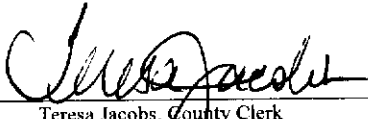
WHEREAS, Administrator of Elections Jason C. Booher has secured a grant from the State of Tennessee to purchase additional data processing equipment, software, and other information technology; and

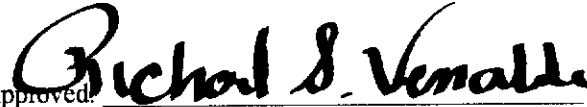
WHEREAS, the equipment, information technology, and software will be purchased utilizing available funding in the FY 2020-2021 budget of the Sullivan County Elections Commission and upon receipt the grant funds will be applied to the FY 2020-2021 budget of the Sullivan County Election Commission as reimbursement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session accepts and appropriates the grant funds in the amount of \$25,000.00.

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 21st day of January, 2021.

Attested: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: 
Richard Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: John Gardner

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Michael Cole

2021-01-06 ACTIONS: 01/21/21 Approved on Consent, 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Item 9

Resolution No. 2021-01-09

Sponsor: Gardner

Co-Sponsor: Cole

RESOLUTION to amend the 2020-21 FY Election Commission Budget for a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00

		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			
VOTES		22	0	0	2
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Approved on Consent

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Item 10
No. 2021-01-07

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 APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND PURCHASE REAL ESTATE FOR FUTURE SITE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY ARCHIVES

WHEREAS, vacant property located at 3306 Highway 126, Blountville, Tennessee is available for purchase; and,

WHEREAS, the site is an ideal location for the construction of a building to house the Sullivan County Archives and also allows ample space for a 5-10% annual records growth and/or space for other county offices; and,

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Archives has the funds within their existing budget from the collection of the Archives and Management Fee established in June 2018 to fund the purchase.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the County Mayor and Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract for the purchase of real estate located at 3306 Highway 126, Blountville, Tennessee for an amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) plus any additional closing costs.

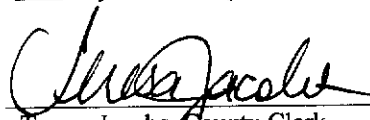
Said funds to be allocated from the current Sullivan County Archives FY 2020-2021 budget generated through the collection of the Archives and Records Management Fee assessed to various documents filed in the General Sessions, Circuit, Criminal, Probate, and Chancery Courts, County Clerk's Office, Planning Department and Highway Department.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Mayor is authorized to execute all contracts and closing documents required to complete the transfer of real estate. Account Codes to be assigned by the Finance Director.

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 21st day of January, 2021.

ATTEST: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

APPROVE: 
Richard S. Venable, Chairman
Sullivan County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Randy Morrell

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Angie Stanley, Terry Harkleroad, Mark Vance, Darlene Calton, Joyce Crosswhite, all voting in the affirmative

2021-01-07 Commission Actions: 1-21-2021 Appraisal provided to Commission; 01/21/21 Approved on Waiver of Rules 23 Yes, 1 Absent



Item 10

Resolution No. 2021-01-10

Sponsor: Morrell

Co-Sponsor: Stanley, Harkleroad, Vance, Calton, Crosswhite, all voting in the affirmative

RESOLUTION to appropriate funds and purchase real estate for future site of Sullivan County Archives

		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		23	0	0	1
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Approved on Waiver of Rules

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Item 11
No. 2021-01-08

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

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



Item 11

Resolution No. 2021-01-11

Sponsor: Jones

Co-Sponsor: Morrell

RESOLUTION to support the Sullivan County School Board of Education in their endeavor to build an access road to West Ridge High School

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

1st Reading

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Item 12
 OLD BUSINESS
 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 1st Reading; 01/21/21 Rolled to next meeting



Item 12

Resolution No. 2020-11-99

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Sponsor: Stanley

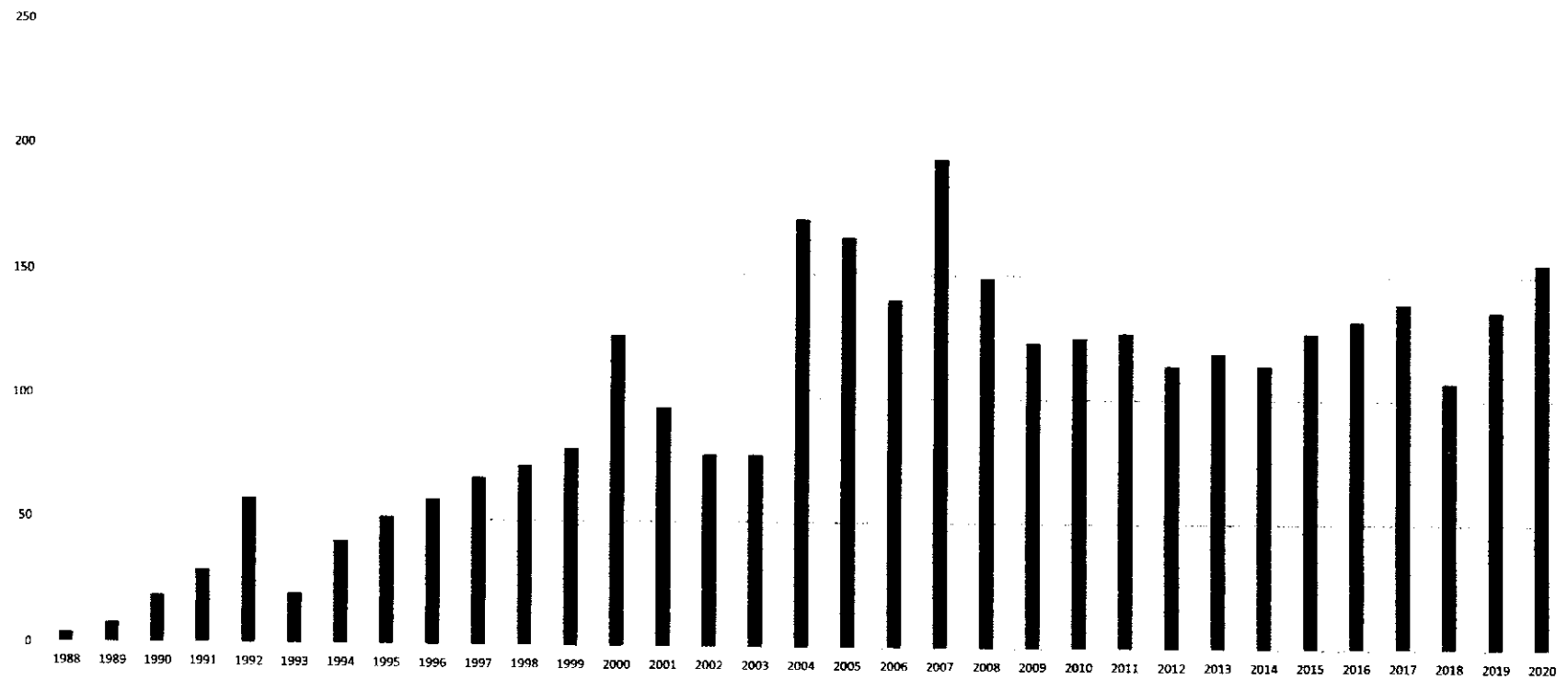
Co-Sponsor: Harkleroad, Cole, Crosswhite

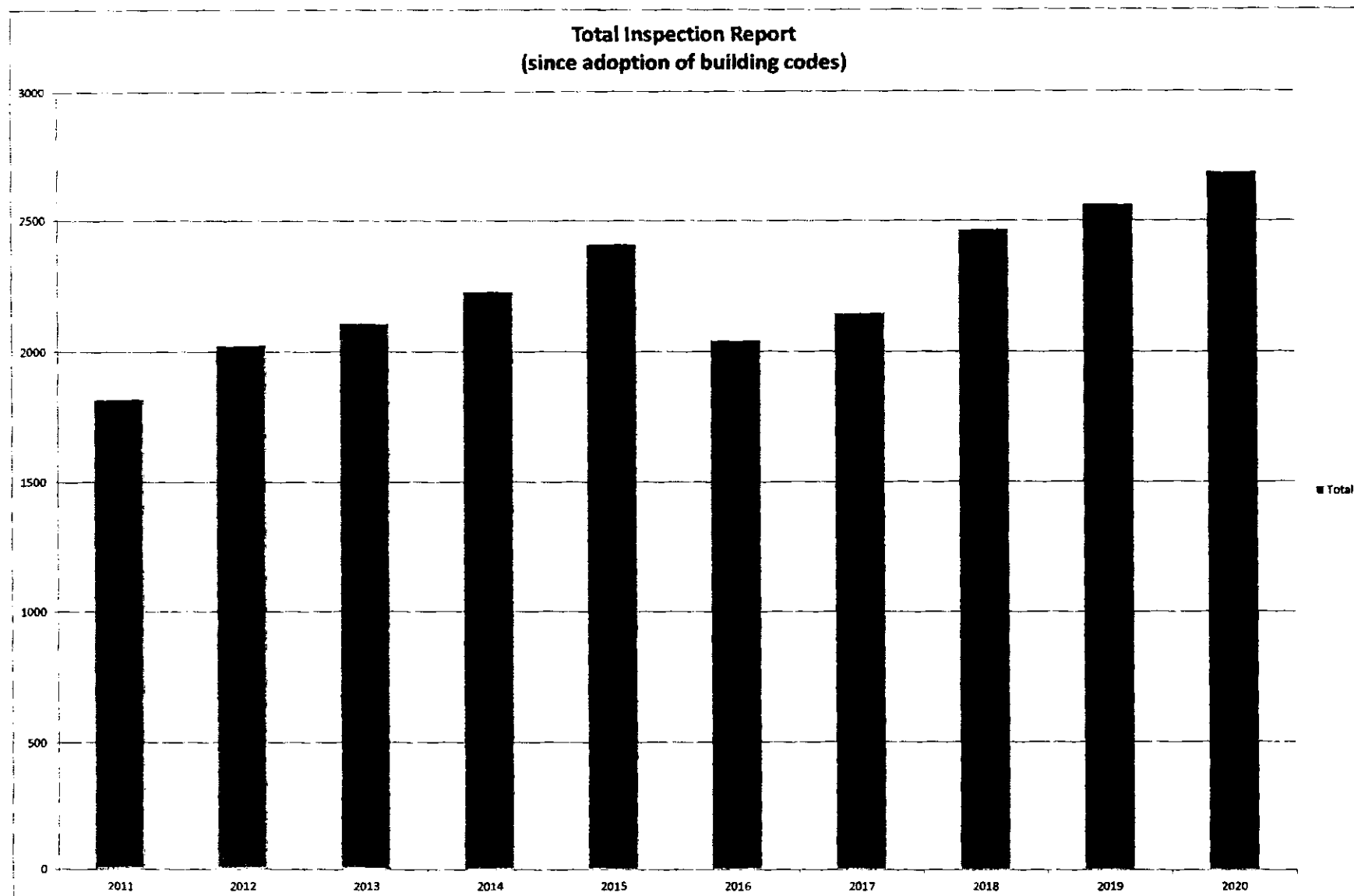
RESOLUTION to urge the General Assembly to enact a private act for Sullivan County, Tennessee to levy an Hotel/Occupancy Tax

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Akard, III	David				
Blalock	Judy				
Broughton	Todd				
Calton	Darlene				
Cole	Michael				
Crawford	Larry				
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VOTES		0	0	0	0
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

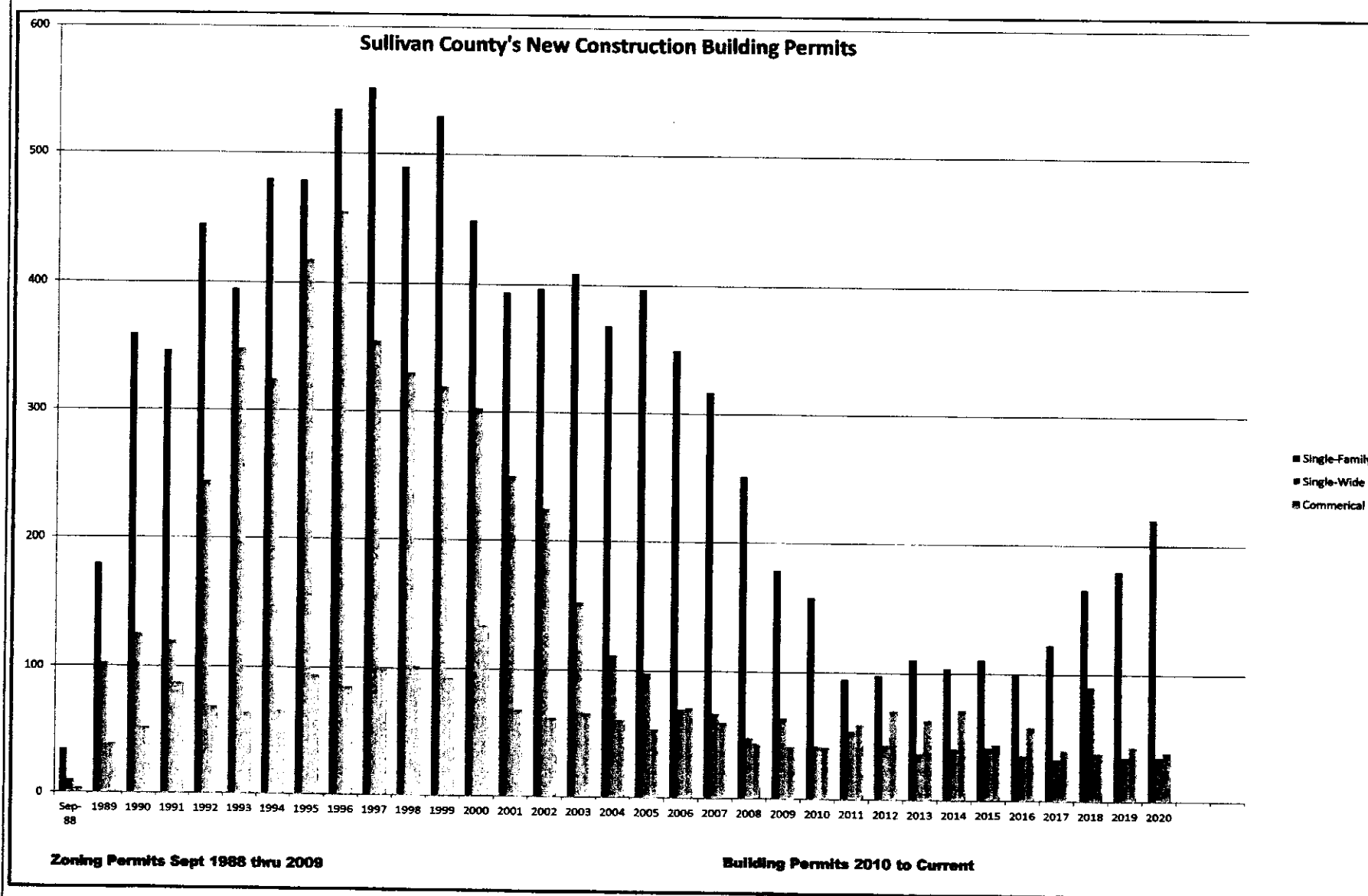
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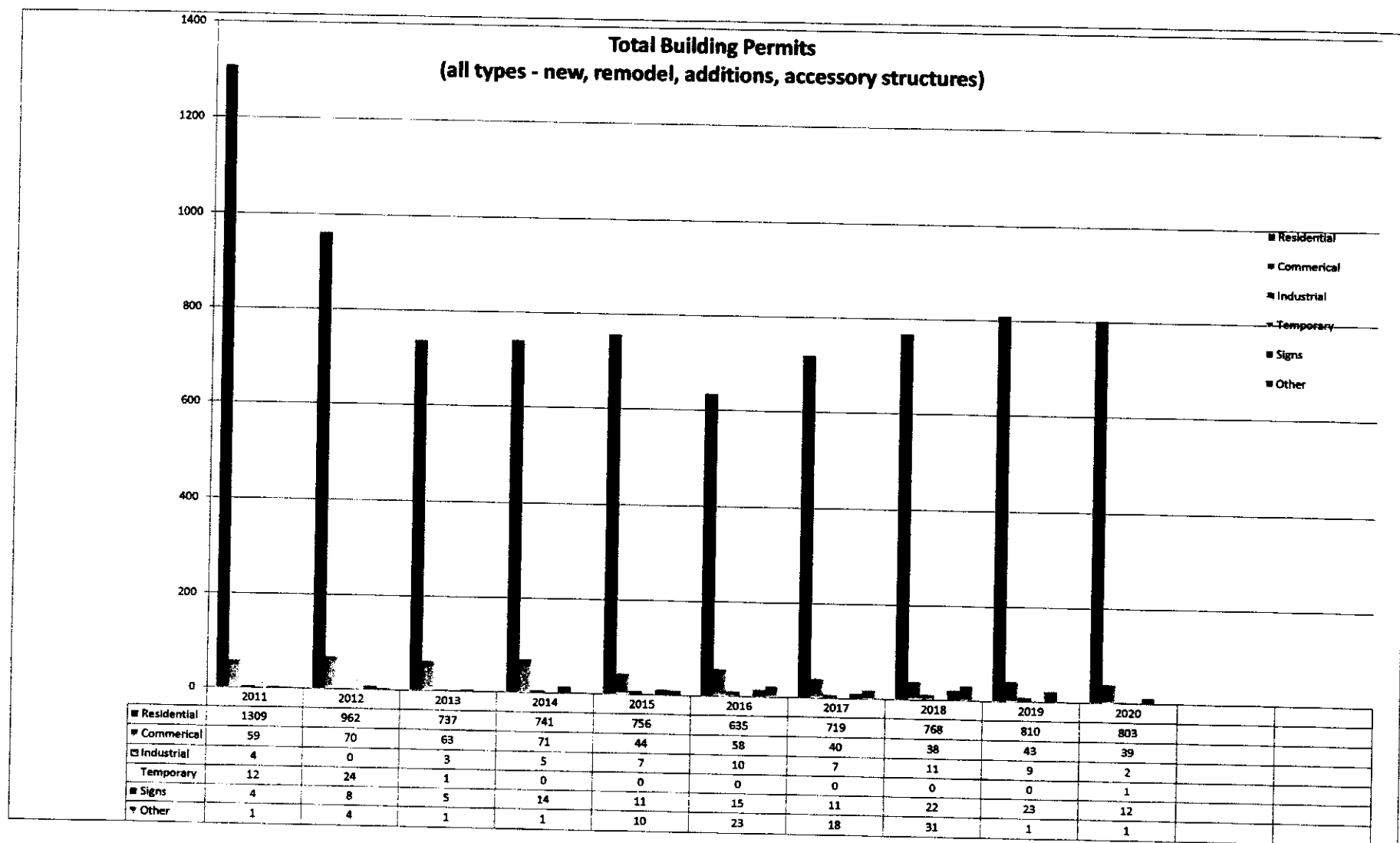
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AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 9:25 P.M. UPON
MOTION MADE BY COMM. CRAWFORD TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR
SESSION ON FEBRUARY 18, 2021.

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

RICHARD VENABLE

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN