

COUNTY COMMISSION-CALLED SESSION

000570

DECEMBER 21, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN CALLED SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 21, 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:

DAVID AKARD, III	
	SAMUEL "SAM" JONES
TODD BROUGHTON	DWIGHT D. KING
DARLENE CALTON	TONY LEONARD
MICHAEL COLE	HUNTER MICHAEL LOCKE
LARRY CRAWFORD	RANDY C. MORRELL
ANDREW CROSS	ARCHIE PIERCE
JOYCE NEAL CROSSWHITE	
JOHN GARDNER	ALICIA D. STARNES
	GARY STIDHAM
HERSHEL GLOVER	MARK VANCE
TERRY HARKLEROAD	

19 PRESENT 5 ABSENT (ABSENT AT ROLL CALL BLALOCK, GEORGE, HUTTON, STANLEY, WOODS)

Stanley in at 6:03pm, Woods in at 6:05pm

The following pages indicate the action taken by the Commission on filing of resolutions to address the vacancy on the Sullivan County Board of Education, a resolution to authorizing the County Mayor to issue a "letter of intent" to complete the construction of an expansion to the Sullivan County Jail and also a resolution to purchase the interests retained by the Sullivan County Board of Education for the Blountville Elementary & Middle School Property.

# Agenda subject voting report

000571

Meeting name

Called Sullivan County Commission Dec 21 2021

12/21/2021

2 Attendance - Roll Call  
Roll Call

**Description**

by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

**Chairman**

Venable, Richard

*Stanley in @ 6:03 pm  
Woods in @ 6:05 pm*

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 6:02:26 PM  
**Voting stop time** 6:02:52 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	19
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	19
Absent	5

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	19	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>

**Individual voting result**

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

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

**Tuesday, December 21, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
***Agenda for Called Session***

- Call to Order by Chairman, Richard S. Venable
- Invocation
- Pledge to the American Flag
- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2021 Meeting
- Public Comment
- Business:
  - 1) Appointment to Vacancy - Sullivan County Board of Education
  - 2) Resolution No. 2021-12-121 APPROVED 12/21/21  
Sponsors: King/ Morrell  
New Business: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR AND PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A “LETTER OF INTENT” TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTIO OF AN EXPANSION TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY JAIL IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE
  - 3) Resolution No. 2021-12-118 DEFERRED 12/21/21  
Sponsors: Crosswhite/ Leonard  
Old Business: RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE BLOUNTVILLE ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPERTIES FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
- Announcements / Non-Agenda Items



SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
County Commission - Regular Session  
**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
December 21, 2021

**PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION**

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>City</i>
1	1		
2	2		
3	3		
4	4		
5	5	none	
6	6		
7	7		
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9	9		
10	#		
11	#		
12	#		
	#		

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

**IN RE: Sullivan County Board of Education**  
**Blountville, Tennessee**

**Appointment of Member to Sullivan County Board of Education**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy has occurred on the Sullivan County Board of Education in District 6 due to the resignation of Randal Gilmore; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with T.C.A. §49-2-201, the County Legislative Body has the authority to fill the unexpired term until the next general election.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms the appointment as named below to the Sullivan County Board of Education which term shall expire at the next general election:

Name: Matthew Price

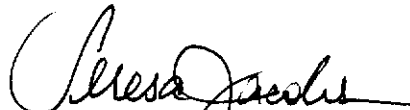
Address: 413 Garden Grove Drive

Bristol, TN 37620

Confirmed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2021.



Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

  
Attest: Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Motion by: Commissioner Stanley

Second by: None needed

Commission Action: Approved 20 Yes, 1 Abstain, 3 Absent



# Agenda subject voting report

000575

Meeting name

Called Sullivan County Commission Dec 21 2021

12/21/2021

16 Confirmations & Appointments Item # 1  
Vote

**Description** Appointment to Vacancy – Sullivan County Board of Education

**Chairman** Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 6:07:46 PM

**Voting stop time** 6:08:10 PM

**Voting configuration** Vote

**Voting mode** Open

**Vote result**

Yes	20
Abstain	1
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Abstain	Absent
No group	20	1	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**Individual voting result**

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

**Sullivan County**  
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**241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session**

Item 2  
 No. 2021-12-121

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR AND PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A "LETTER OF INTENT" TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXPANSION TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY JAIL IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE**

*WHEREAS*, the Sullivan County Commission along with the Sullivan County's Sheriff's Office has worked diligently with the architectural firm MBI over the past months to develop a plan to alleviate the overcrowding of the Sullivan County Jail; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Purchasing Agent for Sullivan County has solicited bids for the construction pursuant to plans approved by this legislative body to provide for a major addition to the jail which will alleviate overcrowding in the current population and allow for additional growth in future years; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Sullivan County Commission has previously authorized and sold general obligation bonds in the amount of eighty-million-dollars to finance the project; and,

*WHEREAS*, since the initial approval of the eighty-million-dollar bond, construction costs have increased substantially; therefore, additional funding must be provided by the Sullivan County Commission to cover the additional cost.

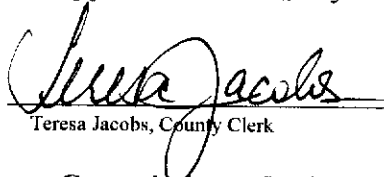
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Called Session, hereby approves the Purchasing Agent and the County Mayor to issue a "Letter of Intent" for the completion of the construction of the Sullivan County Jail expansion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Legislative Body hereby pledges to provide the additional funding upon approval of the 2022-23 FY budget.

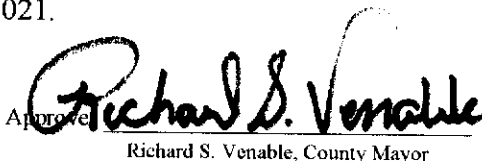
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of December, 2021.

Attest:

  
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:

  
 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsored by: Commissioner Dwight King**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Randy Morrell**

2021-12-121 COMMISSION ACTION: 12/21/21 Approved 16 Yes, 1 Abstain, 4 No, 3 Absent  
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Comm. King made a motion to suspend the rules for Resolution #2021-12-121 requiring 16 votes for passage on 1st Reading and 13 votes on 2nd Reading.  
2nd by Comm. Morrell. Motion failed.

		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>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent



# Agenda subject voting report

000578

Meeting name

Called Sullivan County Commission Dec 21 2021

12/21/2021

18 NEW BUSINESS Item 2 Resolution No. 2021-12-121 Sponsors: King/ Morrell  
Vote

**Description**

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR AND PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A "LETTER OF INTENT" TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTIO OF AN EXPANSION TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY JAIL IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE

**Chairman**

Venable, Richard

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:05:03 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:05:49 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	16
Abstain	1
No	4
Total Present	21
Absent	3

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
No group	16	1	4	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0 3</b>

**Individual voting result**

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

***Sullivan County***  
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***241<sup>st</sup> Annual Session***

Item 3  
 No. 2021-12-118

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE THE INTERESTS RETAINED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE BLOUNTVILLE ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPERTY**

***WHEREAS***, the Sullivan County School Board retains certain interests in the Blountville Elementary & Middle School property and has declared said property as surplus property; and

***WHEREAS***, Sullivan County has a need for portions of the property to secure areas for storage of county records as prescribed by state statute; and

***WHEREAS***, there is also a desire of the community to have space available for community purposes including recreation and other activities; and

***WHEREAS***, the property was appraised by William A. Miller, A Certified General Real Estate Appraiser on September 28, 2021, and valued at \$1,157,000.00 (one million one hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars); and,

***WHEREAS***, upon purchase of the property, the County will have a need to raze unnecessary buildings; and

***WHEREAS***, the ownership of approximately 12.25<sup>±</sup> acres is in dispute and the purchase would nullify the need for litigation to determine rightful ownership.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorize, County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, to offer \$400,000.00 (four hundred thousand dollars) to the Sullivan County Board of Education for all their interest in said property as set out on the map dated July 29, 2021, prepared by John R. Mize, Surveyor.

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

Duly passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.



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

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

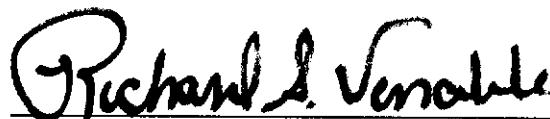
**Sponsored by: Commissioner: Joyce Crosswhite**

**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner: Tony Leonard**

2021-12-118 COMMISSION ACTION: 12/14/21 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; 12/21/21 Deferred



AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 7:15 PM UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER RANDY MORRELL TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 20, 2022.

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

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RICHARD VENABLE

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN