

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS HONORABLE RICHARD VENABLE, COUNTY CHAIRMAN AND 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 Zane Vanover gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

DAVID AKARD	MARK IRESON
DARLENE CALTON	SAMUEL "SAM" JONES
JOE CARR	DWIGHT KING
MICHAEL COLE	TONY LEONARD
	MICHAEL HUNTER LOCKE
ANDREW CROSS	JOE MCMURRAY
JOYCE NEAL CROSSWHITE	JESSICA MEANS
JOHN GARDNER	ARCHIE PIERCE
HERSHEL GLOVER	MATT SLAGLE
CHERYL HARVEY	GARY STIDHAM
	ZANE VANOVER

21 PRESENT, 3 ABSENT
 ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: CRAWFORD, HAYES, HORNE,

The following pages indicate the action taken by the Commission on 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. Means to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the County Commission held on August 17, 2023. Said motion was approved by Roll Call Vote. 21 Yes, 3 Absent.

Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 21 2023

9/21/2023

2 Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk
Roll Call

Description Roll Call
Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result
Voting start time 6:04:17 PM
Voting stop time 6:04:54 PM
Voting configuration Roll Call - Attendances
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Present	19 21
Total Present	19
Total Seats	28
Absent	9 3

Group voting result

21

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	19	0
Total result	19	9 3

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Absent
Akard, David ()	X	
Calton, Darlene ()	X	
Carr, Joe ()	X LATE	
Cole, Michael ()	X	
Crawford, Larry ()		X
Cross, Andrew ()	X	
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X	
Gardner, John ()	X	
Glover, Hershel ()	X	
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X	
Hayes, David ()		X
Horne, Daniel ()		X
Ireson, Mark ()	X	
Jones, Sam ()	X	
King, Dwight ()	X	
Leonard, Tony ()	X	
Locke, Hunter ()	X	
McMurray, Joe ()	X LATE	
Means, Jessica ()	X	
Pierce, Archie ()	X	
Slagle, Matt ()	X	
Stidham, Gary ()	X	
Vanover, Zane ()	X	
Ward, Travis ()	X	

Late Present


Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
243rd Annual Session
 6:00 p.m.
 Commission Room
 Sullivan County Courthouse

AGENDA

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Mayor Richard Venable presiding.
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Guest Speakers, Proclamations, Recognitions & Presentation
 - 1) SR 358 Corridor Study, Final Public Presentation, consultants from CDM Smith.
 - 2) Chris Ramsey – Introduction of new employee of Sullivan County Agricultural Extension Office.
 - 3) Proclamation: Celebrate Babies Week
 - 4) Proclamation: Hunger Action Day
 - 5) Proclamation: Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
- ❖ Elections, Confirmations & Appointments
 - ❖ Election of chairman
 - ❖ Election of speaker pro tempore
 - ❖ Appointment of Tim Earles to Bloomingdale Utility District Board
- ❖ Approval of Commission Minutes from Previous Meeting
 (Minutes are provided to commission members electronically and are available to the public at www.sullivancountyclerktn.com/commission-minutes)
- ❖ Approval of Notaries Public
- ❖ Public Comment
- ❖ Consent Agenda
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Announcements and Adjournment



Proclamation

Celebrate Babies Week October 16-20, 2023

Whereas 80,000 babies are born every year in Tennessee; and,

Whereas to create a bright future for Tennessee and its families, we must ensure that all children are given the best start possible, and that begins with early relational health; and,

Whereas scientific research points to the earliest years of life as the most critical for social and emotional development, forming the brain connections that build the architecture for future growth; and,

Whereas the most crucial ingredient in laying a healthy foundation is caring, nurturing relationships with parents, caregivers, teachers, professionals, and the community as a whole; and,

Whereas there can be a celebration of all children with outcomes that are individualized to fit the unique needs of Tennessee's babies, providing a sense of belonging for future generations; and,

Whereas through intentional community outreach, networking, education, intervention, and policy awareness; babies, their families, and those that support them throughout Tennessee are celebrated; and,

Now Therefore I, Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan, hereby will proclaim the week of October 16-20th, 2023 as Celebrate Babies Week!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Sullivan County, Tennessee to be affixed in Blountville on this 16th day of March 2023.



County of Sullivan
Tennessee

Richard S. Venable
Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

HUNGER ACTION MONTH | FEEDING AMERICA



WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Northeast Tennessee where an average of 15.9% of people struggle with hunger in our eight-county region and one in every four children do not know where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in the County need; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is committed to working with Second Harvest Foodbank of Northeast Tennessee, a member of the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks, in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, more than 66,000 individuals in Northeast Tennessee rely on food provided by the members of the Second Harvest Food Bank annually; and

WHEREAS, Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee is the primary food source for over 120 of the region's food pantries, soup kitchens, and other hunger outreach organizations; and, in addition, Food Bank programs distribute food into the community with programs such as Food for Kids, Fresh Produce Distributions, Mobile Food Pantries, Senior Grocery Programs, Summer Food Service Programs, and Veterans Serving Veterans (VSV) program; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated "Hunger Action Month" in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to engage the public in action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to end hunger one helping at a time; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including the members of Second Harvest Food Bank, will throughout the month promote on social media ways to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Sullivan County Commission, I Richard S. Venable recognize September 15, 2023, as **HUNGER ACTION DAY** in Sullivan County and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

Subscribed this 15th day of September 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Sullivan County, Tennessee to be affixed in Blountville on this 15th day of September 2023.


Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor



Proclamation

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month September 2023

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience, with more than 1,100 lives lost in Tennessee each year and an estimated 25 attempted suicides for each suicide death; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the eleventh leading cause of death in Tennessee, the third leading cause of death among youth and young adults ages of 10 to 24 as well as the second leading cause of death of adults ages 35-44 and the sixth leading cause of death for adults ages 45-54; and

WHEREAS, more than three lives a day are lost to suicide in Tennessee, which means we lose 21 Tennesseans each week and 97 people per month; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee veterans, active-duty military, and National Guardsmen face a disproportionate risk as compared to the general population, with more dying from suicide than combat; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of this tragic problem is the key to preventing further suffering and loss of life; and the risk for human self-destruction can be reduced through awareness, education and treatment as the highest risk for suicide is among the survivors of those who died by suicide or those who have attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention has been declared a state priority by the Governor; and the Tennessee Legislature has declared teen suicide prevention as a state priority in partnership with the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network to implement the Tennessee Strategy for Suicide Prevention; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is a national leader in the effort to prevent suicide, being one of the first states to develop a suicide prevention and evaluation plan covering the lifespan; and

WHEREAS, 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Tennessee has appointed a Suicide Prevention Network Advisory Council to coordinate the implementation of the Tennessee Strategy for Suicide Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network is a grassroots collaboration of Tennesseans and organizations working to eliminate the stigma of suicide, educate the community about the warning signs of suicide, and ultimately reduce the rate of suicide in our state; and

WHEREAS, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Tennesseans to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call, message, handshake, or hug can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Richard S. Venable Mayor of Sullivan County, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as **SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH** in Sullivan County, Tennessee, and do urge all citizens to work to prevent suicide and to raise awareness and tolerance around all people affected by this tragedy.

Subscribed this 21st day of September 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Sullivan County, Tennessee to be affixed in Blountville on this 21st day of September 2023.



Richard S. Venable
Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor


Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
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Election of Chairman and Chairman Pro-Tempe

Nominations for Chairman:

- Comm. Darlene Calton nominated Mayor Richard Venable.
- Comm. Travis Ward nominated Comm. John Gardner. Comm. Gardner respectfully declined.
- Comm. Michael Cole moved nominations cease, 2nd by Comm. Andrew Cross

Vote to cease nominations approved by Voice Vote with no opposition.

Mayor Richard Venable elected as Chairman of Sullivan County Board of Commissioners.

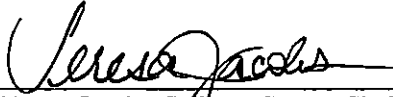
Nominations for Chairman Pro-Tempe:

- Comm. Hunter Locke nominated Commissioner John Gardner
- Comm. Michael Cole moved nominations cease.

Vote to cease nominations approved by Voice Vote with no opposition.

Comm. John Gardner elected as Chairman Pro-Tempe of Sullivan County Board of Commissioners.

Said elections confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of September, 2023.



 Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

NOTE: At the conclusion of the meeting, Attorney Dan Street, who conducted the election of Chairman and Chairman Pro Tempore, advised the County Commission that he believed he had made a mistake in announcing the vote for Chairman and Chairman Pro Tempore. The voice votes that were taken during the election of Chairman and Chairman Pro Tempore were, in fact, to cease nominations, not to elect an individual to the positions. The consensus from the Commission, with no opposition, was that the vote to close nominations was also considered to be a vote to elect Mayor Richard Venable to the position of Chairman and Commissioner John Gardner to the position of Chairman Pro Tempore.



Sullivan County
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Before the Mayor of Sullivan County, Tennessee

**IN RE: Bloomingdale Utility District
Sullivan County, Tennessee**

Order Appointing Utility District Commissioner

WHEREAS, the Bloomingdale Utility District Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Sullivan County Mayor, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307, that a vacancy upon the said Board of Commissioners has occurred by virtue of death of Charlie Anderson.

WHEREAS, the Bloomingdale Utility District Board of Commissioners further certifies that the nominee, Tim Earles, is qualified and has agreed to serve on the Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307 that nominee, Tim Earles, shall be appointed to the Bloomingdale Utility District Board of Commissioners. Term to expire July 31, 2024.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of September, 2023.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Deferred to next month



BEFORE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 IN RE: BLOOMINGDALE
 UTILITY DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT
AS UTILITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The undersigned Commissioners of the above-named utility district do hereby certify to the County Executive, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307, that a vacancy upon the said Board of Commissioners has occurred by virtue of death or resignation or is scheduled to occur by virtue of term expiration as of July 31, 2024 and the remaining Commissioners do hereby nominate and certify the nomination of the following qualified individuals for appointment to such vacancy, the same being listed in order of preference.

1. TIM EARLES
2. ROGER JONES
3. LARRY CRAWFORD

Wherefore, the said district petitions the County Executive to make appointment from such nominees to fill the said vacancy within 24 days from and after the date of the filing of this instrument with the County Executive.

This Sept. 7, 2023

Roger S. Warner
 COMMISSIONER



David H. Horton
COMMISSIONER

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct duplicate original of the Certification of Nominees made by the Board of Commissioners of the aforesaid utility district this _____

SEPT. 7, 2023

David H. Horton
SECRETARY



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 21 2023

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49 Approval of Commission Minutes

Description

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:51:04 PM
Voting stop time 6:51:23 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result	21	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

SULLIVAN COUNTY CLERK
 TERESA JACOBS COUNTY CLERK
 3258 HIGHWAY 126 SUITE 101
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Notaries to be elected 9/21/23

JEREMIAH COLE ADDISON	JENNIFER M KRULL
INA C ADKINS	JESSICA R. LANE
C LYNN AGEE	RON LUSTER
TERESA D. ALLGOOD	MEGAN N MADEN
BRANDI ATKINS	MYERS N. MASSENGILL II
MARY BETH BAYENS	BRANDY LEEANN MILHORN
TIFFANY MARIE BOROWSKI	AMANDA H NELSON
SHEILA M. BUCHANAN	CRYSTAL NOTTINGHAM
ANDREA FAITH BUCHANAN	REBECCA D. O'QUINN
NORA BYRD	ANITA E OVERBAY
KARENA COAKLEY	SEAN PAK
MELISSA PAIGE COOK	REBECCA PETERSON
CAROLYN T COX	SHERRY J. PHILLIPPI
BROOK CRAWFORD	BETTY ROBERTS
CRYSTAL CARTER DEPEW	CHRISTY MARIE GRAY ROBINSON
AMANDA LAUREN DEPEW	RHONDA ADORA ROCK
KAYLEE FEATHERS	SAMUEL K ROSS
LANDON KIP FLETCHER	JESSICA SARBER
KALEY B. FRANKLIN	KATIE SHAFFER
AMANDA GARRETT	JENNIFER SMITH
MATTHEW SETH GIBSON	VANEMA DIANE SYBERT
WILLIAM ANGUS HARRISON	AMY COLLEEN TERRY
HEATHER A IMBURGIA	RACHEL ELIZABETH WALLEN
JOSEPH CLAYTON JOHNSON	EDITH J. WEDDLE
KENNETH JONES	KIMBERLY NICOLE YOUNG
JESSICA ANNE KEMP	

PERSONAL SURETY
 MICHAEL A. STILL
 DANIEL R. BIEGER
 NOTARY BOND

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

20 YES, 1 ABSTAIN, 3 ABSENT

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY

SURETY BONDS

September 21, 2023

Name of Notary	Personal Surety	Personal Surety
Debbie Lynn Isley	Timothy W. Hudson	E. Lynn Dougherty

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

20 YES, 1 ABSTAIN, 3 ABSENT

Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

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9/21/2023

48 Approval of Notaries Public

Description

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:53:59 PM
Voting stop time 6:54:32 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
Total result	20	1	0 3

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()		X		
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County Commission – Regular session

PUBLIC COMMENT

September 21, 2023

Name	Street Address	City
BRANK SMITH 1074 BOSTON DRIVE RD PERISTOL TN		

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Consent Agenda
September 21, 2023

Item 2 Resolution No. 2023-09-02
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover
RESOLUTION to Recognize the FY 2024 Innovative School Models (ISM) Grant Funds in the General Purpose School Fund

Item 3 Resolution No. 2023-09-03
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover
RESOLUTION to Recognize the 2023-24 Supporting Postsecondary Access in Rural Communities (SPARC) Grant Funds

Item 4 Resolution No. 2023-09-04
Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover
RESOLUTION to Recognize the AWS Welding Grant Funds in the General Purpose School Fund

Item 5 Resolution No. 2023-09-05
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES TECHNOLOGY GRANT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023.

Item 7 Resolution No. 2023-09-07
Sponsors: Gardner/Calton, Jones
RESOLUTION To approve the change for Sullivan County Employee's share of Premium participation in the State Insurance plan for the 2024 calendar year.



Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

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46 Consent Agenda

Description On Consent, Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:56:17 PM

Voting stop time 6:56:34 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result	21	0 3

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

Sullivan County
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RESOLUTIONS

September 21, 2023

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2023-08-05

APPROVED

Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford

RESOLUTION to authorize Mayor and County Attorney to sign contract with Tennessee Department of Transportation for SR-93 (John B Dennis Highway), intersection at Bloomingdale Road (pin:129736.34, federal project number: n/a, state project number: 82s093-s3-005, contract number: 220107) and to authorize \$25,000 payment for county's share to come from existing Highway Department funds

NEW BUSINESS

Item 2 Resolution No. 2023-09-02 (ON CONSENT)

APPROVED

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION to Recognize the FY 2024 Innovative School Models (ISM) Grant Funds in the General Purpose School Fund

Item 3 Resolution No. 2023-09-03 (ON CONSENT)

APPROVED

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION to Recognize the 2023-24 Supporting Postsecondary Access in Rural Communities (SPARC) Grant Funds

Item 4 Resolution No. 2023-09-04 (ON CONSENT)

APPROVED

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

RESOLUTION to Recognize the AWS Welding Grant Funds in the General Purpose School Fund

Item 5 Resolution No. 2023-09-05 (ON CONSENT)

APPROVED

Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES TECHNOLOGY GRANT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023.



- Item 6** **Resolution No. 2023-09-06** **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Locke/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO SECURE AND APPROPRIATE \$4 MILLION IN FUNDING TO THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, \$3 MILLION OF WHICH SHALL BE USED FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE CITY/COUNTY JOINTLY OWNED KINGSPORT JUSTICE CENTER.
- Item 7** **Resolution No. 2023-09-07 (ON CONSENT)** **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Gardner/Calton, Jones
RESOLUTION To approve the change for Sullivan County Employee's share of Premium participation in the State Insurance plan for the 2024 calendar year.
- Item 8** **Resolution No. 2023-09-08** **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Calton/Ireson
RESOLUTION to amend the appropriations for the Juvenile Court and the Circuit Court Clerk's Offices to correct amounts omitted from the 2024 FY budget document.
- Item 9** **Resolution No. 2023-09-09** **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL.
- Item 10** **Resolution No. 2023-09-10** **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Ireson/Calton
RESOLUTION to amend the Sullivan County General Fund budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to fund the purchase of a new bucket truck for our county maintenance department not to exceed \$188,000.
- Item 11** **Resolution No. 2023-09-11** **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Vanover/King
RESOLUTION to amend the Sullivan County General Fund budget for the 2024 fiscal year for the compensation of temporary part time labor up to \$50,000 to assist in the review of current projects underway at the present time and any that are approved by this body.
- Item 12** **Resolution No. 2023-09-12** **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner, et al
RESOLUTION to amend the Sullivan County General Fund budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to increase the compensation of Jail and Sheriff personnel by up to \$1,045,713 in order to provide an hourly increase in pay.
- Item 13** **Resolution No. 2023-09-13** **APPROVED**
Sponsors: Locke/Cole
RESOLUTION to approve purchase the 1.16-acre property parcel 106D A 73.00 (105 Regency Dr.) from Joshua Craig Haynie and Sarah Coates Haynie for \$125,000 for construction of EMS Station 6



Sullivan County
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Item 1
 No. 2023-08-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of August 2023.

RESOLUTION to authorize Mayor and County Attorney to sign contract with Tennessee Department of Transportation for SR-93 (John B Dennis Highway), intersection at Bloomingdale Road (pin:129736.34, federal project number: n/a, state project number: 82s093-s3-005, contract number: 220107) and to authorize ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000 payment for county's share to come from existing Highway Department funds.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation has submitted a contract for the above project; and

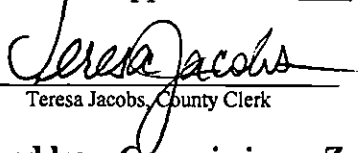
WHEREAS, in order for TDOT to move forward with the project, that contract must be signed by the County Mayor and the County Attorney, and the county must remit payment of ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000 for the county's share of the project's costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners authorizes the Mayor and County Attorney to sign the contract with TDOT for the project described above, with the ~~\$25,000~~-\$50,000 payment coming from existing funds within the budget of the Sullivan County Highway Department.

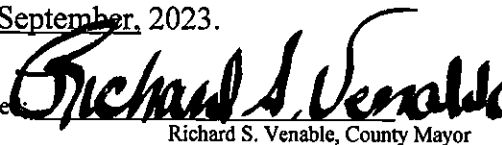
This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded as far as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of September, 2023.

Attested:


 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored by: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Larry Crawford

2023-08-05 Action: 08/17/23 1st Reading, 09/21/23 Amended by Sponsor to change \$25,000 to \$50,000. Approved as amended 21 Yes, 3 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 21 2023

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3.1 Item 1 Resolution No. 2023-08-05 Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION to authorize Mayor and County Attorney to sign contract with Tennessee Department of Transportation for SR-93 (John B Dennis Highway), intersection at Bloomingdale Road (pin:129736.34, federal project number: n/a, state project number:

82s093-s3-005, contract number: 220107) and to authorize \$25,000 payment for county's share to come from existing Highway Department funds

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:59:25 PM
Voting stop time 6:59:39 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result	21	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Item 2
 No. 2023-09-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION to Recognize the FY 2024 Innovative School Models (ISM) Grant Funds in the General Purpose School Fund

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2023-24 year are \$3,485,900.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount (\$3,485,900.00). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790	Other State Grants	3,485,900.00
71100-700	Capital Outlay	173,000.00
71300-400	Supplies & Materials	277,400.00
71300-700	Capital Outlay	221,640.00
72230-500	Other Charges	27,800.00
72710-300	Contracted Services	5,200.00
76100-300	Contracted Services	331,700.00
76100-700	Capital Outlay	2,449,160.00

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.

Approved this 21st day of September, 2023.

Attest: Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: Richard S. Venable
 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite

Co-Sponsor(s): Zane Vanover

2023-09-02 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent



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Item 3
 No. 2023-09-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION to Recognize the 2023-24 Supporting Postsecondary Access in Rural Communities (SPARC) Grant Funds

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has applied for and received through the state of Tennessee a grant to support the advancement of Career & Technical Education programs; and

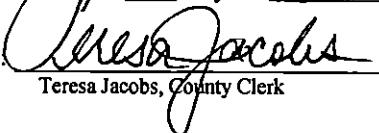
WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2023-24 year are \$54,460.86.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds; not to exceed the above amount (\$54,460.86), as required by the SPARC Grant Contract. The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

	Account Description	Amount
46790-716	Other Vocational Grants	54,460.86
71300-399-716	Account Number	8,374
71300-429-716	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	16,582.86
71300-730-716	Vocational Instruction Equip	29,504

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 September, 2023.

Attest: 
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk


 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Zane Vanover

2023-09-03 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent



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Item 4
 No. 2023-09-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION to Recognize the AWS Welding Grant Funds in the General Purpose School Fund

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the AWS Welding Grant to ensure a skilled workforce is ready when the industry calls; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2023-24 year are \$25,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount (\$25,000.00). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
44570-718	Contributions & Gifts	25,000.00
71300-499-718	Other Supplies & Mtls	4,318.07
71300-730-718	Voc Instructional Equip	20,681.93

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.

Waiver of Rules Requested

Approved this 21st day of September, 2023.

Attest: Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: Richard S. Venable
 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Mark Ireson

Co-Sponsor(s): Zane Vanover

2023-09-04 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Approved on Consent 21Yes, 3 Absent



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Item 5
No. 2023-09-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES TECHNOLOGY GRANT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County will receive grant funds in the amount of \$10,313.00 available through the Tennessee State Library and Archives for the purchase of equipment including desktop computers and monitors for staff workstations, receipt printers, wireless access points to improve public Wi-Fi service, and other equipment to be used in the creation of virtual programming; and

WHEREAS, said grant contract will be effective on October 1, 2023, and extend for a period of 7 months after the effective date. Said grant ending April 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said grantee will agree to participate in the grant project and provide a portion of funding for the project from the library's current operating budget; however, the grantee's participation will not impact the maximum amount reimbursable to the grantee and said amount is intended as a goal for the total project.

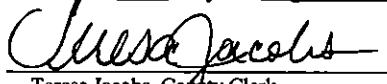
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves accepting and appropriating funds for a grant in the amount of \$10,313.00 available through the Tennessee State Library and Archives used for technology equipment used in the day to day operation of the library, wireless access points for improved Wi-Fi service in the library for the public, and other equipment used to provide virtual programs for the citizens of Sullivan County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Public Library Director is authorized to execute the grant contract and all other documents that are required to receive, implement, and request funds or reimbursements in relation to this grant project. 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.

Approved this 21st day of September, 2023.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Andrew Cross
Co-Sponsor(s): Michael Cole

2023-09-05 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent



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Item 6
 No. 2023-09-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION TO SECURE AND APPROPRIATE \$4 MILLION IN FUNDING TO THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, \$3 MILLION OF WHICH SHALL BE USED FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE CITY/COUNTY JOINTLY OWNED KINGSPORT JUSTICE CENTER.

WHEREAS, since its planning and construction in the 1980s the Kingsport Justice Center has been a partnership between Sullivan County and the City of Kingsport; providing public access to the county judicial system; and

WHEREAS, the Justice Center provides courtroom space and chambers for Divisions II and III of the General Sessions Court, chambers for one Circuit Court Judge, office space for Circuit Court clerk staff, offices for the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and the Kingsport Police Department; and

WHEREAS, a long-anticipated project to expand and modernize the Justice Center is now projected by city officials to go out to bid in early 2024, and will include space to add offices for the other Circuit Court Judge and the Chancellor and their staffs, which are now in the former city hall building; and

WHEREAS, essential to the project are safety enhancements, including but not limited to a single public access point equipped with up-to-date technology and a second elevator to provide a more secure environment for judges, judicial staff, deputy sheriffs serving as bailiffs, court clerks and their staff, law enforcement officers, and the public; and

WHEREAS, more than a year ago, City of Kingsport officials presented planning and design work for the Justice Center renovations and the Sullivan County Commission in August 2022 approved the city's then-request of \$2.6 million from Sullivan County towards the then-anticipated \$8.8 million project cost; and

WHEREAS, in recent weeks City of Kingsport officials informed Sullivan County officials that the estimated project cost is now estimated at \$19 million, and the city is requesting an addition \$3 million contribution to the project from Sullivan County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the appropriation of \$4 million to the City of Kingsport, \$3 million of which shall be used for



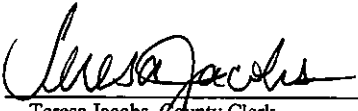
renovations to the Kingsport Justice Center (increasing Sullivan County's total commitment to the project to \$5.6 million, as requested by Kingsport officials).


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the remaining \$1 million is for economic development purposes.

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 September, 2023.

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk


Approved: Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Hunter Locke

Co-Sponsor(s): John Gardner, Archie Pierce, Zane Vanover, Daniel Horne, Sam Jones, Joe Carr, Joe McMurray, Mark Ireson, Darlene Calton, Michael Cole, Tony Leonard, Travis Ward, Cheryl Harvey, Jessica Means

2023-09-06 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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4.1 Item 6 Resolution No. 2023-09-06 Sponsors: Locke/Gardner
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO SECURE AND APPROPRIATE \$4 MILLION IN FUNDING TO THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, \$3 MILLION OF WHICH SHALL BE USED FOR

RENOVATIONS TO THE CITY/COUNTY JOINTLY OWNED KINGSPORT JUSTICE

CENTER.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:00:57 PM
Voting stop time 7:01:11 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result		21
		03

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Item 7
 No. 2023-09-7

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION To approve the change for Sullivan County Employee’s share of Premium participation in the State Insurance plan for the 2024 calendar year.

WHEREAS Sullivan County has participated in the State of Tennessee local government insurance pool for approximately 8 years and each year the State updates the cost for local government to participate in the plan; and,

WHEREAS Sullivan County participation in the Local Government Employee Insurance pool enrollment period starts October 2 through October 27, 2023; and,

WHEREAS State of Tennessee has designated a percentage increase based upon the participating employee’s coverage level; and,

WHEREAS the employer’s share (Sullivan County) has been funded in the 2024 FY’s approved budget for each department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approves the changes in the employee, monthly share of cost based upon the percentage of premium increases based upon the employee’s level of participation as follows:

State Health Insurance

Monthly Rates for Employee

	2024	2023	Diff
Employee Only	\$80.46	\$78.46	\$2.00
Employee +Child	\$146.37	\$141.37	\$5.00
Employee +Spouse	\$163.30	\$158.30	\$5.00
Employee +Family	\$223.26	\$218.26	\$5.00

(Waiver of the 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.

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of September, 2023.

Attested: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: Richard S. Venable
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored by: Commissioner: John Gardner

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Darlene Calton, Sam Jones

2023-09-07 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent



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Item 8
 No. 2023-09-08

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION to amend the appropriations for the Juvenile Court and the Circuit Court Clerk's Offices to correct amounts omitted from the 2024 FY budget document.

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Budget process is long with many figures to compile into a budget item and in this long course there are normally some items that do not get included as intended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby amends the 2024 fiscal year budget to correct omissions.

Juvenile Court – Bristol for personnel in the amount of \$9,455.

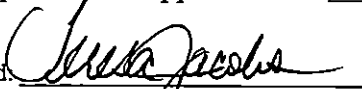
Circuit Court Clerk in Contracted Services \$147,514 and Supplies and Materials in the amount of \$38,600 to be funded from the Fund Balance Account totaling \$195,569.

(Account codes to be added by the Finance Department)

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

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of September, 2023.

Attested:


 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored by: Commissioner Darlene Calton

Prime Co-Sponsor(s) Mark Ireson

2023-09-08 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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40 Item 8 Resolution No. 2023-09-08 Sponsors: Calton/Ireson
Vote

Description RESOLUTION to amend the appropriations for the Juvenile Court and the Circuit Court Clerk's Offices to correct amounts omitted from the 2024 FY budget document.

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:03:21 PM
Voting stop time 7:03:37 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result		21
		0
		3

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Item 9
 No. 2023-09-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the citizens of this county is of utmost importance and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a coordinated effort to address the health issues and concerns of the community; and

WHEREAS, a county health council can provide an effective means of coordinating the efforts of various organizations and individuals concerned with health issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes, that a County Health Council be established to promote and protect the well-being of all citizens in Sullivan County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Health Council shall be appointed by the Mayor of Sullivan County and at least one County Commissioner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Health Council shall be responsible for:

1. Assessing the health needs of the community and developing plans to address those needs; and
2. Coordinating the efforts of various organizations and individuals concerned with health issues; and
3. Advocating for policies and programs that promote health and prevent disease; and
4. Providing education and information to the public on health-related issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Health Council shall meet regularly, and all expenses related to the Health Council be paid with local health funds or grants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Health Council shall operate under the authority of the Sullivan County Regional Health Department.

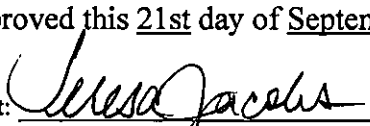
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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Approved this 21st day of September, 2023

Attest:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner: Jessica Means

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner: Joyce Crosswhite, Hershel Glover, Zane Vanover, Cheryl Harvey, all voting in the affirmative added as co-sponsor.

2023-09-09 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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4.3 Item 9 Resolution No. 2023-09-09 Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY HEALTH

COUNCIL.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:09:10 PM
Voting stop time 7:09:28 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result	21	0 3

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Item 10
 No. 2023-09-10

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION to amend the Sullivan County General Fund budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to fund the purchase of a new bucket truck for our county maintenance department not to exceed \$188,000.

WHEREAS the Sullivan County maintenance department services numerous county facilities throughout the county; and,

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has a bucket truck that is used to reach the roofs of county buildings as well as signage, etc. including the hanging of Christmas lighting. The current bucket truck has become uncertifiable to meet safety standards; and,

WHEREAS the maintenance department has searched for a good certifiable previously used truck and has not found such a truck; and,

WHEREAS vendors have advised as with many other specialty vehicles that it might be up to a year for deliver on such vehicle; and,

WHEREAS another industrial vendor for large equipment has quoted a new bucket truck with a current delivery promised.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby amends the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget by an amount not to exceed \$188,000 for the Purchasing Agent to acquire a new bucket truck for the maintenance department. This amendment is to be funded from the Fund Balance account of the General Fund. Account codes to be added by the Finance Department.

(Waiver of the rules requested.)

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

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of September, 2023.

Attested: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: *Richard S. Venable*
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored by: Commissioner Mark Ireson

Co-Sponsor(s): Darlene Calton, Joyce Crosswhite, Gary Stidham, Zane Vanover, Jessica Means

2023-09-10 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Approved on Waiver of Rules ²⁰ 21 Yes, ⁴ 3 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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4.4 Item 10 Resolution No. 2023-09-10 Sponsors: Ireson/Calton
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION to amend the Sullivan County General Fund budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to fund the purchase of a new bucket truck for our county maintenance department not to exceed \$188,000.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:11:22 PM
Voting stop time 7:11:37 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	20
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	20	0
Total result	20	0 4

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()				X
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Item 11
 No. 2023-09-11

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION to amend the Sullivan County General Fund budget for the 2024 fiscal year for the compensation of temporary part time labor up to \$50,000 to assist in the review of current projects underway at the present time and any that are approved by this body.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has a never-ending number of special projects underway, and those projects will continue until past the end of this calendar year; and,

WHEREAS, the special projects coordinator has been so busy that he has been working up to seven days a week to keep up with all his responsibilities, the primary one being the jail construction; and,

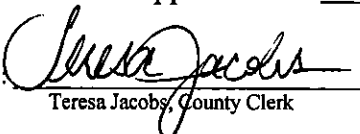
WHEREAS, the maintenance department does not have adequate staffing to monitor these projects.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby amends the 2023-2024 General Fund appropriations by \$50,000 to assist in the oversight of all the projects currently underway as well as those approved by this body over the upcoming weeks. (Account codes to be added by the Finance Department).

(Waiver of the rules requested)

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

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of September, 2023.

Attested: 
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: 
 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored by: Commissioner Zane Vanover

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Dwight King, Joyce Crosswhite, Gary Stidham, Mark Ireson, Jessica Means

2023-09-11 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 21 2023

9/21/2023

5 Item 11 Resolution No. 2023-09-11 Sponsors: Vanover/King
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION to amend the Sullivan County General Fund budget for the 2024 fiscal year for the compensation of temporary part time labor up to \$50,000 to assist in the review of current projects underway at the present time and any that are approved by this body.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:14:02 PM
Voting stop time 7:14:17 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
Total result	21	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
243rd Annual Session

Item 12
No. 2023-09-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION to amend the Sullivan County General Fund budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to increase the compensation of Jail and Sheriff personnel by up to \$1,045,713 in order to provide an hourly increase in pay.

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has approximately 270 Post Certified and sworn officers; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested an increase in pay to these employees in the amount per hour to enhance recruiting and to retain these officers; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office continue to maintain a rate of pay to be competitive in the regional pay for their personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby amends the 2023-4 General Fund appropriations by \$1,045,713 to provide funding to increase in pay at the hourly rate per hour for Post Certified and Sworn Officers of the Sheriff's Office to better recruit and retain officers. The funding to be provided from the Fund Balance of the General Fund. (Account codes to be added by the Finance Department).

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

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of September, 2023.

Attested: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: *Richard S. Venable*
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored by: Commissioner Gary Stidman
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioners John Gardner, Jessica Means, David Akard, Joe Carr, Joe McMurray, Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Zane Vanover, Darlene Calton, Sam Jones, Archie Pierce

2023-09-12 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Comm. Glover amended to appropriate a 10% pay increase to all Sullivan County employees including any non-uniformed employees at the Sheriff's office that is not going to receive the pay increase. 2nd by Comm. King. After some discussion, Comm. Glover withdrew the amendment. Comm. Stidham called for Suspension of Rules which states



that a resolution cannot be approved on 1st Reading. 2nd by Comm. Gardner. Voice vote was taken and approved with no opposition. Resolution was approved 18 Yes, 3 Abstain, 3 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 21 2023

9/21/2023

6 Item 12 Resolution No. 2023-09-12 Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner, et al
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION to amend the Sullivan County General Fund budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to increase the compensation of Jail and Sheriff personnel by up to \$1,045,713 in order to provide an hourly increase in pay.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:50:17 PM
Voting stop time 7:50:50 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	18
Abstain	3
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Abstain	Absent
No group	18	3	0
Total result	18	3	0

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()		X		
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()		X		
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()		X		

Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
243rd Annual Session

Item 13
 No. 2023-09-13

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of September 2023.

RESOLUTION to approve purchase the 1.16-acre property parcel 106D A 73.00 (105 Regency Dr.) from Joshua Craig Haynie and Sarah Coates Haynie for \$125,000 for construction of EMS Station 6

Whereas, Sullivan County EMS is in need of a new location out of which to serve the greater Colonial Heights, Interstate 81, Airport Parkway and West Ridge High School areas due to loss of space formerly provided by the city of Kingsport's fire station on Fort Henry Drive; and

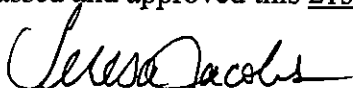
Whereas, the property described above has been identified as well-suited for the new location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission approves purchase of property located at 105 Regency Drive at a cost of \$125,000, with stipulation that the purchase is preceded by completion of environmental inspections, soil testing, core samples and any other procedures needed to satisfactorily prove the land is suitable for construction without remediation by Sullivan County.

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

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of September, 2023.

Attested:


 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Hunter Locke

Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Michael Cole, Andrew Cross, David Akard, John Gardner, Archie Pierce, Daniel Horne, Jessica Means, Zane Vanover, Mark Ireson, David Hayes, Sam Jones, Travis Ward, Joe McMurray, Tony Leonard.

2023-09-13 ACTIONS: 09/21/23 Comm. Locke moved to Suspend the Rules which state that a resolution cannot be passed on 1st Reading. 2nd by Comm. Cole. Comm. King moved to amend to allow the building committee to continue on with their process that they voted on and passed dealing with the purchase of the parcel. 2nd by Comm. Harvey. Vote was taken on the amendment and failed 7 Yes, 14 No, 3 Absent. Comm. Locke called for the question. 2nd by Comm. Cole. Approved 21 Yes, 3 Absent. Vote was then taken on Resolution as it stands and approved 18 Yes, 1 Abstain, 2 No, 3 Absent.



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 21 2023

9/21/2023

item 13 amendment #1

Description

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:04:02 PM
 Voting stop time 8:04:35 PM
 Voting configuration Vote
 Voting mode Open
 Vote result

Yes	7
Abstain	0
No	14
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	7	14	0
Total result	7	14	0 3

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()			X	
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()			X	
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()			X	
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()			X	
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()			X	
Jones, Sam ()			X	
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()			X	
Locke, Hunter ()			X	
McMurray, Joe ()			X	
Means, Jessica ()			X	
Pierce, Archie ()			X	
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()			X	
Vanover, Zane ()			X	
Ward, Travis ()			X	

ITEM #13 - CALL FOR QUESTION

By: Comm. Locke - 2nd by Comm. Cole

ABSENT
YES
NO
ABSTAIN

	AKARD	1	AKARD		AKARD	
	CALTON	1	CALTON		CALTON	
	CARR	1	CARR		CARR	
	COLE	1	COLE		COLE	
1	CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD	
	CROSS	1	CROSS		CROSS	
	CROSSWHITE	1	CROSSWHITE		CROSSWHITE	
	GARDNER	1	GARDNER		GARDNER	
	GLOVER	1	GLOVER		GLOVER	
	HARVEY	1	HARVEY		HARVEY	
1	HAYES		HAYES		HAYES	
1	HORNE		HORNE		HORNE	
	IRESON	1	IRESON		IRESON	
	JONES	1	JONES		JONES	
	KING	1	KING		KING	
	LEONARD	1	LEONARD		LEONARD	
	LOCKE	1	LOCKE		LOCKE	
	MCMURRAY	1	MCMURRAY		MCMURRAY	
	MEANS	1	MEANS		MEANS	
	PIERCE	1	PIERCE		PIERCE	
	SLAGLE	1	SLAGLE		SLAGLE	
	STIDHAM	1	STIDHAM		STIDHAM	
	VANOVER	1	VANOVER		VANOVER	
	WARD	1	WARD		WARD	

3
ABSENT
21
YES
NO
ABSTAIN

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Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission September 21 2023

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16 Item 13 Resolution No. 2023-09-13 Sponsors: Locke/Cole
Vote

Description

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Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 8:13:32 PM
Voting stop time 8:13:57 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	18
Abstain	1
No	2
Total Present	21
Absent	3

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
No group	18	1	2	0
Total result	18	1	2	3

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()				X
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()			X	
Harvey, Cheryl ()		X		
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, Mark ()	X			
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()			X	
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Slagle, Matt ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

**Sullivan County Board of Commissioners Committee Assignments
FY 2023-2024**

Administrative		Executive
Hershel Glover Hunter Locke Tony Leonard Joe McMurray Jessica Means David Hayes Joe Carr Cheryl Harvey <i>Address Utility Issues</i>		Michael Cole Larry Crawford Andrew Cross Daniel Horne Travis Ward Gary Stidham Zane Vanover Matt Slagle <i>Oversees Youth Home</i>
Building Committee	Beverage Board	Insurance Committee
Hershel Glover <i>Dwight King</i> David Akard Cheryl Harvey Travis Ward Joe McMurray Joe Carr David Hayes	David Hayes <i>Darlene Calton</i> Michael Cole Zane Vanover Tony Leonard Archie Pierce Joyce Crosswhite <i>Serves As Adult-Oriented Est. Board</i>	David Akard Gary Stidham John Gardner Sam Jones Joe Carr Jessica Means Mark Ireson Daniel Horne <i>Larry Bailey, Ex Officio</i>
Agriculture Extension Committee	Historic Preservation Advisory Committee	Ethics Committee
Hershel Glover, Dwight King Zane Vanover	Tony Galloway, County Historian Betsy Carrier, Citizen Jim Hager, Citizen Richard Venable, County Mayor Angela Crane, Marketing Associate Matthew Johnson, Archivist Andrew Cross Joyce Crosswhite Jessica Means	Jason Booher, Administrator of Elections Angela Taylor, Trustee Bobby Russell, Circuit Court Clerk Matt Slagle, John Gardner Archie Pierce, David Akard
Observation Knob Park Committee		Bays Mountain Park Committee
David Akard <i>Darlene Calton</i> Sam Jones Andrew Cross Tony Leonard Matt Slagle David Hayes		Archie Pierce
Integrated Emergency Preparedness		
Jim Bean, EMA Director Hunter Locke Travis Ward Daniel Horne		
Audit Committee	Liaison to City Governments	Sullivan County Library Board
Joe McMurray John Gardner Dwight King	Bluff City Hershel Glover Dwight King Bristol David Akard Cheryl Harvey Matt Slagle Kingsport Larry Crawford Hunter Locke Gary Stidham	Andrew Cross
Financial Management Committee	Historic Zoning Commission	Public Records Commission
Larry Crawford Hershel Glover Zane Vanover Richard Venable, County Mayor Larry Bailey, Finance Director Scott Murray, Commissioner of Highways Chuck Carter, Director of Schools	Michael Cole	<i>Katie Preister, Chancellor</i> Richard Venable, County Mayor Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk Sheena Tinsley, Register of Deeds Betsy Carrier, Citizen Joyce Crosswhite Matthew Johnson, Archivist Tony Galloway, Historian
Education Committee	Planning Commission	Opioid Advisory Committee
Zane Vanover Larry Crawford Cheryl Harvey, Joyce Crosswhite Mark Ireson <i>Chuck Carter & Larry Bailey Ex Officio</i>	Darlene Calton	Matt Slagle, Archie Pierce Darlene Calton, Larry Crawford Richard Venable, County Mayor

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Sullivan County Board of Commissioners

Committee Assignments

FY 2022-2023

Budget

Richard Venable

David Akard

Darlene Calton

Joyce Crosswhite

John Gardner

Sam Jones

Mark Ireson

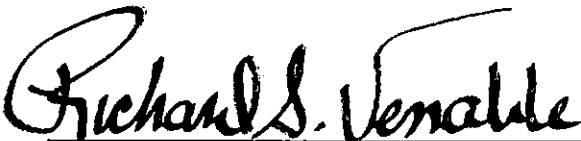
Archie Pierce

Dwight King

Serves As Delinquent Tax & Title VI Cmte.

Updated 09/21/2023

AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CALTON TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 23, 2023. MEETING WAS MOVED TO THE 23RD DUE TO CONFLICT.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard S. Venable". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

RICHARD VENABLE

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN
