

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 21, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 21, 2024, 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, Sgt. Phillip White opened the commission and Commissioner Larry Crawford gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Sgt. Phillip White.

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
LARRY CRAWFORD	MICHAEL HUNTER LOCKE
JOYCE NEAL CROSSWHITE	JESSICA MEANS
JOHN GARDNER	ARCHIE PIERCE
HERSHEL GLOVER	MATT SLAGLE
CHERYL HARVEY	GARY STIDHAM
	ZANE VANOVER
	TRAVIS WARD

20 PRESENT, 4 ABSENT

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: CROSS, HAYES, HORNE, MCMURRAY

NOTE: MCMURRAY IN AT 6:10 PM AND CROSS IN AT 6:30 PM

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. Jones to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the County Commission held on February 15, 2024. Said motion was approved by Voice Vote.

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name Sullivan County March 21, 2024

3/21/2024

2 Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk
Roll CallDescription Roll Call
Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result	
Voting start time	6:04:32 PM
Voting stop time	6:04:56 PM
Voting configuration	Roll Call - Attendances
Voting mode	Open
Vote result	

Present	20
Total Present	20
Total Seats	28
Absent	4

Group voting result

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

Individual voting result

Name	Yes	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
March 21, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Commission Room
Historic Sullivan County Courthouse

AGENDA

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Mayor/Chairman Richard Venable presiding.
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Guest Speakers, Proclamations, Recognitions & Presentations
- ❖ Proclamation: Public Safety Telecommunications Week (April 14-20, 2024)
- ❖ Recognition: 4-H students, Carrie Kruska, Extension Agent
- ❖ Appointments:
 - 1) Constable, District 9.
 - 2) Sullivan County Board of Education, District 1.
 - 3) 2024 County Board of Equalization.
- ❖ 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 (Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13)
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Announcements and Adjournment



Proclamation

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Public Safety Telecommunications Week *April 14 - 20, 2024*

WHEREAS, everyday telecommunicators serve the citizens of Sullivan County by responding to requests for emergency aid with professionalism, compassion, and commitment to the steadfast pursuit of their goal of saving lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the efforts and critical functions performed by telecommunicators to answer calls for help, gather essential information, and ensure that appropriate assistance is provided, is fundamental to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, telecommunicators are the vital link between the citizen and police officers, firefighters, and paramedics dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information, monitoring of emergency activities, providing information to all parties concerned, and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials, Inc. annually dedicates the second full week in April as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week to honor thousands of men and women who respond to crisis calls for help, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment to render life-saving assistance to the public; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THAT:

We do hereby proclaim the week of April 14 – 20, 2024 as **PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK** in Sullivan County, Tennessee and enlist the support of the citizens of Sullivan County in honoring these men and women for the role they play every day in making our lives, homes, and towns safer.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, in session duly assembled, on this 21st day of March 2024.

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 March 2024.

County of Sullivan
Tennessee



Richard S. Venable

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

*Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
24th Annual Session*

**THE BOARD OF SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RECOGNIZES
THE FOLLOWING SULLIVAN COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS FOR OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENTS AS LISTED BELOW, EACH HAVING SHOWN LEADERSHIP,
COMMITMENT AND INTERGRITY WHILE REACHING THEIR FULLEST
POTENTIAL IN KEEPING WITH THE VALUES OF HEAD, HEART, HANDS
AND HEALTH.**

1. Collin Schmitt, 9th
 - 2nd place Congress essay winner for Eastern Region
 - Eastern Region Public Speaking Participant-9th Grade
 - Served as County Reporter at Congress
2. Isaac Achey, 9th
 - Congress participant
 - Outdoor Cookery Team
3. Madison Brown, 10th
 - Congress participant
 - Horse Judging
 - Livestock Judging
4. Samantha Roberts, 9th
 - Livestock Judging
 - Congress Participant
5. Ireland Talley, 10th
 - Congress Participant
6. Brylee Thomas, 6th
 - Sullivan County Dairy Chair (Best Overall Virtual Scrapbook)
 - 6th Grade County public Speaking Winner
 - 2nd place Eastern Region Public Speaking-6th Grade
 - Youth recipient Governor's Volunteer Star Award 2023-2024
7. Maggie Malone
 - 1st place County 7th grade Public Speaking winner
 - 1st place Sub-Region 7th grade Public Speaking winner
 - 1st place County Digital Poster Winner
 - Winner of State Digital Poster Contest



Sullivan County Board of Commissioners
Certificate of Accomplishment

presented to

Collin Schmitt

for outstanding performance and achievement

- 2nd place Congress essay winner for Eastern Region
- Eastern Region Public Speaking Participant-9th Grade
- Served as County Reporter at Congress

9th Grade

COUNTY of SULLIVAN
TENNESSEE



Presented this 21st day of March 2024

Richard S. Venable

Richard S. Venable
Sullivan County Mayor

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners
Certificate of Accomplishment

presented to

Isaac Achey

for outstanding performance and achievement

-Congress participant

-Outdoor Cookery Team

9th Grade

COUNTY of SULLIVAN
TENNESSEE



Presented this 21st day of March 2024

Richard S. Venable

Richard S. Venable
Sullivan County Mayor

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners
Certificate of Accomplishment

presented to

Madison Brown

for outstanding performance and achievement

-Congress participant

-Horse Judging

-Livestock Judging

10th Grade

COUNTY of SULLIVAN
TENNESSEE



Presented this 21st day of March 2024

Richard S. Venable

Richard S. Venable
Sullivan County Mayor

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners
Certificate of Accomplishment

presented to

Samantha Roberts

for outstanding performance and achievement

-Livestock Judging
-Congress Participant

9th Grade

COUNTY of SULLIVAN
TENNESSEE



Presented this 21st day of March 2024

Richard S. Venable

Richard S. Venable
Sullivan County Mayor

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners
Certificate of Accomplishment

presented to

Ireland Talley

for outstanding performance and achievement

-Congress Participant

10th Grade

COUNTY of SULLIVAN
TENNESSEE



Presented this 21st day of March 2024

Richard S. Venable

Richard S. Venable
Sullivan County Mayor

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners
Certificate of Accomplishment

presented to

Bryelle Thomas

for outstanding performance and achievement

-Sullivan County Dairy Chair (Best Overall Virtual Scrapbook)

-6th Grade County public Speaking Winner

-2nd place Eastern Region Public Speaking-6th Grade

-Youth recipient Governor's Volunteer Star Award 2023-2024

6th Grade

COUNTY of SULLIVAN
TENNESSEE



Presented this 21st day of March 2024

Richard S. Venable

Richard S. Venable
Sullivan County Mayor

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners
Certificate of Accomplishment

presented to
Maggie Malone

for outstanding performance and achievement

- 1st place County 7th grade Public Speaking winner
- 1st place Sub-Region 7th grade Public Speaking winner
- 1st place County Digital Poster Winner
- Winner of State Digital Poster Contest
7th Grade

COUNTY of SULLIVAN
TENNESSEE



Presented this 21st day of March 2024

Richard S. Venable

Richard S. Venable
Sullivan County Mayor

Sullivan County
 Board of County Commissioners
244th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Constable – District 09

Order Appointing Constable to Fill Remainder of Term

WHEREAS a vacancy exists in the office of Constable in the 9th District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with T.C.A. §8-1 0-11 8, the County Legislative Body has the authority to fill the unexpired term until the next general election; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED pursuant to T.C.A §8-1 0-118 the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms the appointment of

Name:

Address:

Approved: _____
 Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners record this 21st day of March 2024.

 Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

ACTION: No action on March 21, 2024 by Board of Sullivan County Commissioners after no nomination from any member of the board. New legal notice to be published advertising the vacancy.



Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
244th 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 1 due to the resignation of Mark Ireson; 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 whose term shall expire at the next general election:


Name: Angie Stanley

Address: 200 Regency Drive

Kingsport, TN 37663

Confirmed this 21st day of March 2024.


Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor


Attest: Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Motion by: Commissioner Travis Ward
Roll call vote taken and approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Appointment to Sullivan County School Board Dist. 1

Commissioner Ward nominated Angie Stanley. No additional nominations made.

ABSENT

 YES

 NO

 ABSTAIN

	AKARD	1	AKARD		AKARD	
	CALTON	1	CALTON		CALTON	
	CARR	1	CARR		CARR	
	COLE	1	COLE		COLE	
	CRAWFORD	1	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	

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 22

 NO

 ABSTAIN

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN

January 12, 2024

I, Mark Anthony Ireson, do hereby resign as a member of the Sullivan County Board of Education, District one (1) effective January 16, 2024.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Ireson



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

Order Appointing Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Equalization is composed of five members and those members are to be elected from different sections of the County by the Board of County Commissioners in April of even years; and those members are to serve two year terms; and,

WHEREAS, those Board appointed members' terms will soon expire and they are willing to serve an additional term on the Board of Equalization; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is responsible for electing members to serve on the Board of Equalization and that due to the fact that the training seminar for the Board of Equalization is held in April, it is of the essence that elections be made in a timely manner.

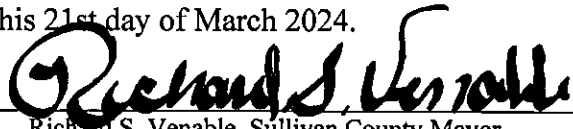
WHEREAS, due to the timing of the training seminar for the members of Board of Equalization, it is of the essence that the appointment be made in a timely manner; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Sullivan County Mayor in his authority to appoint members to said Board of Equalization in accordance with T.C.A. § 67-1-401 (4)(B)(b) hereby reappoint the following persons to the Board of Equalization to serve an additional two-year term.

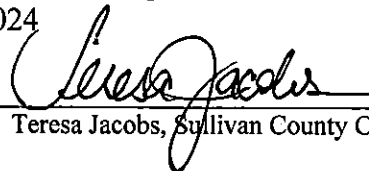
**Mr. Robert Greene
Mr. Kenneth Osborne
Mr. Charles Crosswhite**

Approved this 21st day of March 2024.

Approved: _____


Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said appointment entered into the record of the meeting of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of March 2024


Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Approved by Roll Call Vote 21 Yes, 2 Absent, 1 Abstain for cause.



Appointment to Board of Equalization

Mr. Robert Greene, Mr. Kenneth Osborne, and Mr. Charles Crosswhite

ABSENT
YES
NO
ABSTAIN

	AKARD	1	AKARD		AKARD	
	CALTON	1	CALTON		CALTON	
	CARR	1	CARR		CARR	
	COLE	1	COLE		COLE	
	CRAWFORD	1	CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD	
	CROSS	1	CROSS		CROSS	
	CROSSWHITE		CROSSWHITE		CROSSWHITE	1
	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	

For Cause

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ABSENT
YES
NO
ABSTAIN

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN

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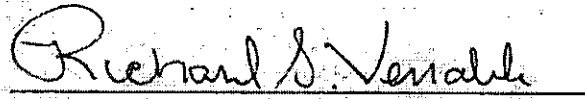
Before the Mayor of Sullivan County, Tennessee

**IN RE: South Fork Utility District
Sullivan County, Tennessee**

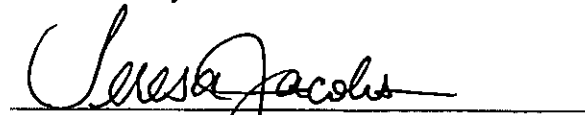
WHEREAS, the South Fork Utility District Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Sullivan County Mayor, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307, that a vacancy has occurred upon said utility board; and

WHEREAS, the South Fork Utility District certifies that the nominee, Jason Webb 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, Jason Webb, shall be appointed to the South Fork Utility District Board of Commissioners. Term to expire as per the by-laws of the utility district.


Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of March 2024.


Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

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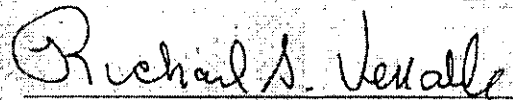
Before the Mayor of Sullivan County, Tennessee

**IN RE: South Fork Utility District
Sullivan County, Tennessee**

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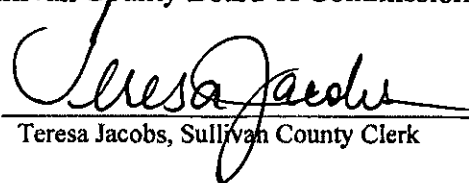
WHEREAS, the South Fork Utility District certifies that the nominee, Joshua Hayes is qualified and has agreed to serve on the Board.

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, Joshua Hayes, shall be appointed to the South Fork Utility District Board of Commissioners. Term to expire as per the by-laws of the utility district.



Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of March 2024.



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

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 March 21, 2024

ROBERT ANDERSON	CHRISTY K MCANALLY
AMY DENISE BARTLEY	JAMIN MCCANN
KIMBERLY D BISHOP	SAMUEL JEFFERSON MCCORD
LOIS J BRIGGS	TIMOTHY JAMES MCMURRAY
SHELLY CARRIER	MARGARET MILLER
CINDY CARVER	BRITTNEY MORTON
AIDAN ELISABETH CLARK	JUSTIN MULLINS
JOYCE CROSSWHITE	JULIE NOVAK
NICHOALS S DAVENPORT	JESSIE ANN OLIVER
LINDA DELLINGER	AMANDA L OWENS
JOE SCOTT DENTON	JILL M. PRINCE
SABRA DONIHE	BARBARA QUILLEN
AMY MICHELLE DUNCAN	RYLYN RICKER
APRIL L. EADS	BARBARA W. SANDERS
SARAH EATON	PRISCILLA STILTNER
BLAIKE FLETCHER	ANDREW DANIEL STREET
PAUL RAYMOND FORAN	DELORES A SULLIVAN
JOSEPH FOULKS	LYNDSEY BROOKE THACKER
JAMIE E FULLER	BREANNA KAY TILLER
TRACI R GIBSON	KERI-ANN JENKINS TUELL
ANGELA M HESS	LINDSAY UNDERWOOD
LAUREN HUGHES	MICHAEL SETH UTSMAN
ALLAN JAGELS	ASHLEY B VANOVER
PAUL JOHNSON	NATHAN VAUGHN
BRANDY JONES	REGINALD ERIC WARREN
SANDIE CROWE LEONARD	BEN XIE

PERSONAL SURETY

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

21 YES, 1 ABSTAIN, 2 ABSENT

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY

SURETY BONDS

March 21st 2024

Name of Notary	Personal Surety	Personal Surety
L. Carter Massengill	Myers N Massengill II	Daniel D. Coughlin
Alexis B. Rosenbalm	Kathryn Morrison	James Rosenbalm

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

21 YES, 1 ABSTAIN, 2 ABSENT

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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3.3 Approval of Notaries Public
Vote

Description

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:45:03 PM

Voting stop time 6:45:27 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	1
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Abstain	Absent
No group	21	1	0
Total result	21	1	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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March 21 CONSENT AGENDA

Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-03-02

Sponsors: Stidham/Ward

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$100,000 FROM ACCOUNTS WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS TO AREAS OF APPROPRIATIONS WHERE FUNDS ARE MOST NEEDED.

Item 3 Resolution No. 2024-03-03

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.

Item 4 Resolution 2024-03-04

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE CONTINGENCY FEES BUDGETED WITH ESSER 3.0 PROJECTS.

Item 5 Resolution 2024-03-05

Sponsors: Cole/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VACATING AND QUITCLAIMING RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BRIAN KENDRICK, RONALD KENDRICK, AND LONG FAMILY TRUST FOR THE AREA IDENTIFIED AS THE CRUSSELL-KENDRICK SIDE ROAD, LOCATED BETWEEN THEIR PROPERTIES.

Item 6 Resolution 2024-03-06

Sponsors: King/Glover

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3281 ROCKY SPRINGS ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS TAX MAP 123, PARCEL 94, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ROCKY SPRINGS RURITAN CLUB TO PINEY FLATS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.



Item 9 Resolution 2024-03-09

Sponsors: Locke/Ward

A RESOLUTION TO NAME SULLIVAN COUNTY EMS STATION #6 IN HONOR OF JOHN HUBBARD AND HALE COLE.

Item 10 Resolution 2024-03-10

Sponsors: Hayes/Crosswhite

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOUTH HOLSTON RURITAN CLUB TO SEEK AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH TVA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE BALL FIELDS ON TVA PROPERTY ON SOUTH HOLSTON LAKE IDENTIFIED AS TRACT NO. XTSH-33RE AND BEING USED BY SOUTH HOLSTON RURITAN FOR COMMUNITY PURPOSES.

Item 13 Resolution 2024-03-13

Sponsors: Stidham/Leonard

RESOLUTION to Accept and Appropriate Funds to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office from the State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance, to help local law enforcement agencies with tuition assistance, training, and professional development expenses.

ACTION: 03/21/24 CONSENT AGENDA FAILED WHEN PRESENTED TO BOARD OF SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. ALL ITEMS RETURNED TO MAIN AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION.



Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County March 21, 2024

3/21/2024

4.2 Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Comm. Gardener
2nd by Comm. Cross

Description

Failed due to 1 No Vote

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:04:42 PM
Voting stop time 7:05:21 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	1
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	21	1	0
Total result	21	1	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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RESOLUTIONS

March 21, 2024

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2024-02-13 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: King/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF ACCUMULATED UNUSED SICK LEAVE TOWARDS YEARS OF SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF QUALIFYING FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS PROVIDED BY SULLIVAN COUNTY.

NEWS BUSINESS

Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-03-02 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Stidham/Ward

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$100,000 FROM ACCOUNTS WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS TO AREAS OF APPROPRIATIONS WHERE FUNDS ARE MOST NEEDED.

Item 3 Resolution No. 2024-03-03 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.

Item 4 Resolution 2024-03-04 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE CONTINGENCY FEES BUDGETED WITH ESSER 3.0 PROJECTS.

Item 5 Resolution 2024-03-05 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Cole/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VACATING AND QUITCLAIMING RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BRIAN KENDRICK, RONDALE KENDRICK, AND LONG FAMILY TRUST FOR THE AREA IDENTIFIED AS THE CRUSSELL-KENDRICK SIDE ROAD, LOCATED BETWEEN THEIR PROPERTIES.



Item 6 Resolution 2024-03-06

APPROVED

Sponsors: King/Glover

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3281 ROCKY SPRINGS ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS TAX MAP 123, PARCEL 94, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ROCKY SPRINGS RURITAN CLUB TO PINEY FLATS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Item 7 Resolution 2024-03-07

APPROVED

Sponsors: Harvey/Stidham

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION DESIGNATE THE ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION AS THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFIRMING WHETHER CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AS CONSTABLE BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION WHEN VACANCIES OCCUR IS QUALIFIED UNDER THE REQUIRMENTS OF IN STATE LAW

Item 8 Resolution 2024-03-08

APPROVED

Sponsors: Jones/Hayes

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE USE OF \$80,000 OF REVENUES GENERATED BY OBSERVATON KNOB PARK FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK.

Item 9 Resolution 2024-03-09

APPROVED

Sponsors: Locke/Ward

A RESOLUTION TO NAME SULLIVAN COUNTY EMS STATION #6 IN HONOR OF JOHN HUBBARD AND HAL COLE.

Item 10 Resolution 2024-03-10

APPROVED

Sponsors: Hayes/Crosswhite

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOUTH HOLSTON RURITAN CLUB TO SEEK AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH TVA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE BALL FIELDS ON TVA PROPERTY ON SOUTH HOLSTON LAKE IDENTIFIED AS TRACT NO. XTSH-33RE AND BEING USED BY SOUTH HOLSTON RURITAN FOR COMMUNITY PURPOSES.

Item 11 Resolution 2024-03-11

Ruled out of order at Work Session due to no cosponsor.

Item 12 Resolution 2024-03-12

APPROVED

Sponsors: Glover/Vanover

RESOLUTION to amend the Sullivan County Solid Waste Fund for the 2024 fiscal year to reflect the funds related to the Tire Tax Collections and appropriations.

Item 13 Resolution 2024-03-13

APPROVED

Sponsors: Stidham/Leonard

RESOLUTION to Accept and Appropriate Funds to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office from the State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance, to help local law enforcement agencies with tuition assistance, training, and professional development expenses.



Item 14 Resolution 2024-03-14**1ST READING****Sponsors: Ward/Crosswhite**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE TO ENTER INTO AN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AMERICA'S THRIFT STORES FOR PLACEMENT OF COLLECTION BINS AT SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTERS LOCATED ON SULLIVAN COUNTY PROPERTY TO BENEFIT MAKE-A-WISH TENNESSEE.

Item 15 Resolution 2024-03-15**APPROVED****Sponsors: Ireson/Crosswhite**

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS MODEL GRANT PROJECT OF BUILDING A CONSTRUCTION LAB AT WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.

Item 16 Resolution 2024-03-16**APPROVED****Sponsors: Ireson/Crosswhite**

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING AT THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL FIELD AND TENNIS COURTS, DRAINAGE WORK AT THE BASEBALL FIELD, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRESS BOX AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

Item 17 Resolution 2024-03-17**APPROVED****Sponsors: Jones/Vanover**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY'S FELLOW PARTNERS IN NETWORKS TO OBLIGATE THE COUNTY TO FUND \$561,000 OF A \$1.1 MILLION PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.

Item 18 Resolution 2024-03-18**APPROVED****Sponsors: Akard/Calton**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY IN DECEMBER 2023 AS AWARD FOR GRANT APPLICATION APPROVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISISON IN JANUARY 2023.

Item 19 Resolution 2024-03-19**APPROVED****Sponsors: Calton/Crosswhite**

RESOLUTION To Sell County Owned Delinquent Tax Property in the 5th Civil District



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Item 1
No. 2024-02-13

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of February 2024.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF ACCUMULATED UNUSED SICK LEAVE TOWARDS YEARS OF SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF QUALIFYING FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS PROVIDED BY SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County provides paid sick leave as a benefit to its employees; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County employees are allowed by Sullivan County to accumulate unused sick leave with no cap on the amount of sick leave that may be accumulated; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee allows Sullivan County employees' unused accumulated sick days to be credited towards years of service for the purpose of qualifying for retirement benefits provided to Sullivan County employees as part of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System; however,

WHEREAS, Sullivan County does not allow its employees' unused accumulated sick days to be credited towards years of service for the purpose of qualifying for retirement benefits provided to Sullivan County employees by Sullivan County in addition to those benefits provided by the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, e.g., the provision of medical insurance to qualified retirees.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves allowing Sullivan County employees to be credited with all unused accumulated sick leave towards years of service for the purpose of qualifying for retirement benefits provided by Sullivan County in addition to those benefits provided by the Tennessee Retirement System, e.g., provision of medical insurance; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that this resolution shall only apply from the date of passage forward and shall not apply to any Sullivan County employee who terminated employment with Sullivan County prior to the passage of this Resolution; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Employee Handbook shall be amended to so reflect this change.

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.

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Approved this 21st day of March 2024.

Attest: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Richard S. Venable
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Dwight King

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

2024-02-13 ACTION: Introduced at Monthly Meeting on February 15 and placed on First Reading.

Presented at Work Session on March 14. 03/21/24 Approved by Roll Call vote 19 Yes, ~~2~~ Absent,

~~2~~ Abstain for cause.

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Resolution No. 2024-02-13 Item #1

Approve the use of accumulated unused sick leave towards years of service for the purpose of qualifying for retirement benefits provided by Sullivan County

ABSENT		YES		NO		ABSTAIN	
	AKARD	1	AKARD		AKARD		
	CALTON	1	CALTON		CALTON		
	CARR	1	CARR		CARR		
	COLE	1	COLE		COLE	1	For Cause
	CRAWFORD	1	CRAWFORD		CRAWFORD		
	CROSS	1	CROSS		CROSS		
	CROSSWHITE		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	1	For Cause
	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	1	For Cause
<u>2</u>		<u>19</u>		<u>NO</u>		<u>3</u>	
ABSENT		YES		NO		ABSTAIN	

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN

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Item 2
Resolution No. 2024-03-02

To the honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$100,000 FROM ACCOUNTS WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS TO AREAS OF APPROPRIATIONS WHERE FUNDS ARE MOST NEEDED.

WHEREAS, the operations of the current fiscal year allow for the reallocation of funds within the 2024 FY budget to cover this unanticipated increase in cost of fuel (\$40,000) and parts (\$60,000).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby amend the Highway Fund appropriations as follows:

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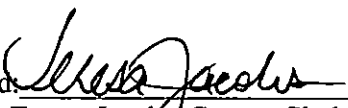
62000.400 Highway and Bridges- Supplies and Materials \$100,000

TO

63100.400 Operations and Maintenance-Supplies and Materials \$100,000

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.

Attested:


Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved:


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Gary Stidham

Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward

2024-03-02 ACTIONS: Introduced at Work Session on March 14, 2024 and without objection placed on consent calendar for March 21. 03/21/24 Consent Agenda failed, returned to regular agenda. Sponsor moved for immediate introduction and adoption. Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent



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31 New Business Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-03-02 Sponsors: Stidham/Ward
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$100,000 FROM ACCOUNTS WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS TO AREAS OF APPROPRIATIONS WHERE FUNDS ARE MOST NEEDED.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:11:05 PM
Voting stop time 7:11:18 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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 3
Resolution No. 2024-03-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024.

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to purchase an emergency alert system for the district; and,

WHEREAS the Board of Education will utilize available grant funding but believes that grant funding will need to be supplemented for the expense of the purchase of the system; and,

WHEREAS the Board of Education respectfully requests the transfer of funds from the undesignated fund balance for up to \$300,000.00 to complete the purchase.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the transfer of funds in an amount up to \$300,000.00 from the General Purpose School Fund undesignated fund balance to the General Purpose School Fund 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.

Waiver of Rules Requested

Approved this 21st day of March 2024.

Attest: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Richard S. Venable
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

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

2024-03-03 ACTIONS: Introduced at Work Session on March 14, 2024 and without objection placed on consent calendar for March 21. 03/21/24 Consent Agenda failed, returned to regular agenda. Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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32 Item 3 Resolution No. 2024-03-03 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:14:42 PM
Voting stop time 7:15:04 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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 4
 Resolution No. 2024-03-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024.

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE CONTINGENCY FEES BUDGETED WITH ESSER 3.0 PROJECTS.

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Board of Education currently has several projects underway within the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief 3.0 (ESSER 3.0) Grant which have built in contingencies that are only estimated; and,

WHEREAS the contingencies for these projects may or may not be utilized causing the potential for reserved but not utilized funds; and,

WHEREAS the Board of Education would like to ensure the most efficient liquidation and expenditure of grant funds by requesting a transfer from the undesignated fund balance to coincide with the project contingencies therefore freeing up grant funds for actual contracted expenditures.

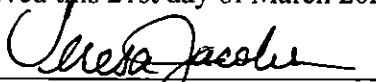
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the transfer of funds from the General Purpose School Fund undesignated fund balance to the General Purpose School Fund Budget in an amount up to \$250,000.00 to cover ESSER 3.0 project contingencies.

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 March 2024.

Attest:


 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk


 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite

Co-Sponsor(s): Zane Vanover

2024-03-04 ACTIONS: Introduced at Work Session on March 14, 2024 and without objection placed on consent calendar for March 21. 03/21/24 Consent Agenda failed, returned to regular agenda. Sponsor moved for immediate introduction and adoption. Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name **Sullivan County March 21, 2024**

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33 Item 4 Resolution No. 2024-03-04 Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
Vote

Description RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE CONTINGENCY FEES BUDGETED WITH ESSER 3.0 PROJECTS.

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:17:09 PM
Voting stop time 7:17:23 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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 5
Resolution No. 2024-03-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VACATING AND QUITCLAIMING RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BRIAN KENDRICK, RONALD KENDRICK, AND LONG FAMILY TRUST FOR THE AREA IDENTIFIED AS THE CRUSSELL-KENDRICK SIDE ROAD, LOCATED BETWEEN THEIR PROPERTIES.

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission reviewed and approved the request to close the Crussell-Kendrick Side Road during their regular meeting held on February 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS all the surrounding landowners of this old roadbed have agreed to split the right-of-way down the centerline as illustrated on the recent survey dated January 9, 2024, as prepared by John Mize, a registered land surveyor; and

WHEREAS the proposed right-of-way closure being .215 of an acre as illustrated on the Sullivan County Tax Map; however is not an official county road maintained by the county, nor on the adopted County Road Atlas; and

WHEREAS no public utilities or structures are located within this r-o-w closure area; and

WHEREAS this property is located within the 5th Civil District and the 4th Commission District; and

WHEREAS these requests have been reviewed by the offices of the Sullivan County Highway Commissioner, Planning Director, Sullivan County 911-Addressing Department, and the Blountville Utility District to ensure compliance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby abandons the old side road right-of-way referred to in deeds as the Crussell-Kendrick Side Road, and authorizes the County Attorney to draft the appropriate quitclaim deeds to the applicants who are the adjacent property owners. 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 March 2024.

Attest: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

Sponsored by: Commissioners: Cole, Crosswhite, Leonard
Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Calton



2024-03-05 ACTION: Introduced at Work Session on March 14, 2024, and without objection placed on consent calendar for March 21. 03/21/24 Consent Agenda failed, returned to regular agenda. Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



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Meeting name

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35 Item 5 Resolution No. 2024-03-05 Sponsors: Cole/Crosswhite/Leonard/Calton
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VACATING AND QUITCLAIMING RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BRIAN KENDRICK, RONDALD KENDRICK, AND LONG FAMILY TRUST FOR THE AREA IDENTIFIED AS THE CRUSSELL-KENDRICK SIDE ROAD, LOCATED BETWEEN THEIR PROPERTIES.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:18:15 PM
Voting stop time 7:18:29 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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 6
Resolution No. 2024-03-06

Item
No. 2024-

To the Honorable Richard Venable, County Executive and the Board of County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session on this 21st day of March, 2024.

RESOLUTION To approve the transfer of property located at 3281 Rocky Springs Road, more particularly described as Tax Map 123, Parcel 94, formally known as the Rocky Spring Ruritan Club, to the Piney Flats Volunteer Fire Department.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County acquired the property located at 3281 Rocky Springs Road by deed dated February 1, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County previously leased said property to the Rocky Springs Ruritan Club to be used for community purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Rocky Springs Ruritan Club ceased to exist in or about June, 2010; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2013, the Rocky Springs Baptist Church requested Sullivan County lease said property to the Church for use by the Church and the Rocky Springs Community for a period of ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, the lease agreement with between Sullivan County and Rocky Spring Baptist Church has expired; and

WHEREAS, said property is in need of repairs; and

WHEREAS, The Piney Flats Volunteer Fire Department desires to use said property in their community fire prevention and control efforts and has requested Sullivan County quitclaim said property to them at no cost.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the transfer of said property to the Piney Flats Volunteer Fire Department at no cost; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of Sullivan County is hereby authorized and directed to execute a quitclaim deed to transfer said property to the Piney Flats Volunteer Fire Department at no cost.

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.

Attested: *Jenna Jacobs* *Richard S. Venable*
County Clerk Date County Executive Date

Introduced By Commissioner: Dwight King
Seconded By Commissioner(s):

Co-sponsor: Glover.

2024-03-06 ACTION: Introduced at Work Session on March 14, 2024, and without objection placed on consent calendar for March 21. 03/21/24 Consent Agenda failed, returned to regular agenda. Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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36 Item 6 Resolution No 2024-03-06 Sponsors: King/
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3281 ROCKY SPRINGS ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS TAX MAP 123 PARCEL 94, FORMALLY KNOWN AS THE ROCKY SPRINGS RURITAN CLUB TO THE PINEY FLATS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:19:49 PM
Voting stop time 7:20:14 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result		22

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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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Board of County Commissioners
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Item 7
 Resolution No. 2024-03-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024.

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION DESIGNATE THE ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION AS THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFIRMING WHETHER CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AS CONSTABLE BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION WHEN VACANCIES OCCUR IS QUALIFIED UNDER THE REQUIRMENTS OF IN STATE LAW

WHEREAS, a 2023 change in state law added a requirement for all those seeking election to county constable to include a letter signed by a psychologist licensed in the state of Tennessee who has conducted a cognitive and psychological test on the candidate stating that the “candidate is mentally and cognitively fit to perform the duties of constable.”

WHEREAS, implementation of this new section of law has caused confusion and conflict as the Sullivan County Commission has elected or attempted to elect constables to fill vacancies which have occurred since May 2023; and

WHEREAS, County Attorney Dan Street has advised it is not the responsibility of the Sullivan County Clerk or Administrator of Elections for Sullivan County to assess qualifying paperwork, including the letter of proof of having passed the above referenced examination by a psychologist for candidates seeking or being considered for election by the County Commission to fill a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, citing advice from legal counsel for the County Technical Assistance Service, County Clerk Teresa Jacobs has stated she and her staff do not ask or answer questions regarding qualifying paperwork when it is submitted by those seeking election by the County Commission to a constable vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Administrator of Elections Jason Booher, citing state election law, has stated his and his staff’s responsibilities are limited only to qualifying constable candidates for placement on a ballot for an election by county voters – not for elections of constables by the Sullivan County Commission to fill vacancies; and

WHEREAS, “election by the County Commission” is used in this resolution, rather than “appointment by the County Commission” on advice by the Administrator of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator of Elections has shared with members of the Sullivan County Commission, other elected county officials, and the Assistant to the Sullivan County Commission the steps which he and his staff follow when his office is duly reviewing whether a would-be candidate for public election as constable meet the state requirements, including the letter of proof of having passed a cognitive and psychological test; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant to the Sullivan County Commission is under the direct supervision of the Commission Chairman.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners requests the Commission Chairman to designate the Assistant to the Sullivan County Commission to determine whether candidates for filling constable vacancies are qualified under state law, doing so by following the steps and guidelines provided by the Administrator of Elections for Sullivan County and with legal advice provided as needed by the Sullivan County Attorney.



FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Assistant to the Commission be charged with providing to the full commission prior to consideration of any candidate for constable the following four things: verification the required affidavit is on file; verification the candidate's resume is filed with the office of County Mayor; verification the letter stating a psychological test affirms "candidate is mentally and cognitively fit to perform the duties of constable" is on file; verification that the signature on that letter is among the psychologists listed on a state website as being authorized to perform such tests and provide such letters.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission understand the election-by-commission process flow is as follows:

- 1) County Clerk notifies County Commission of a vacancy.
- 2) Chairman caused to be published an advertisement of the vacancy and a date and time the County Commission will elect someone to fill out the unexpired term created by the vacancy.
- 3) Those wishing to be elected by the commission to fill an unexpired term caused by a vacancy must pick up, sign and return an affidavit at the office of the County Clerk. The County Clerk forwards the affidavit to the Office of the County Mayor.
- 4) Those wishing to be elected by the commission to fill an unexpired term caused by a vacancy are required by state law to provide a letter signed by a psychologist licensed in the state of Tennessee who has conducted a cognitive and psychological test on the candidate stating the "candidate is mentally and cognitively fit to perform the duties of constable." This letter is submitted to the County Clerk and forwarded to the Office of the Mayor.
- 5) Those wishing to be elected by the commission to fill an unexpired term caused by a vacancy must also submit their resume to the Office of the County Mayor.
- 6) All of these items (affidavit, resume, letter) are provided to all members of the Sullivan County Commission prior to consideration of a candidate for election to fill an unexpired term caused by a vacancy.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission will note Tennessee state law's qualifications for office of constable, outlined below:

TCA 8-10-102 Qualifications for office.

- (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (a) (2), to qualify for election or appointment to the office of constable, a person shall:
 - (A) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
 - (B) Be a qualified voter of the district and a resident of the count for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate or constable;
 - (C) (i) Any person holding the office of constable on or before June 30, 2011, shall be able to read and write;
 - (ii) any person elected or appointed to the office of constable on or after July 1, 2011 shall possess at least a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education; provided, however, that this subdivision (a) (1) (C) (ii) shall not apply to any person holding the office of constable on June 30, 2011, and who is re-elected to the office of constable on or after July 1, 2011, without any interruption in holding such office;
 - (D) Not have been convicted in any federal or state court of a felony; and
 - (E) (i) Not have been separated or discharged from the armed forces of the United States with other than an honorable discharge.
 - (ii) This subdivision (a)(1)(E) does not apply to any county having a population of not less than eighteen thousand five hundred (18,500), according to the 1990 federal census



or any subsequent federal census, if a person has served in the office of constable for ten (10) or more years.

(2) This subsection (a) does not apply to a county having a population of not less than fourteen thousand six hundred fifty (14,650) nor more than fifteen thousand (15,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

(b) (1) (A) Except as provided in subdivision (b) (2), a person seeking the office of constable shall file with the county election commission, along with the nominating petition:

- (i) An affidavit signed by the candidate affirming the candidate meets the requirements of this section. In the event that the candidate seeks election to the office of constable by the county legislative body to fill a vacancy in office, the same affidavit must be filed with the county clerk prior to the election; and
- (ii) A letter from a psychologist licensed in this state who has conducted a cognitive and psychological test on the candidate stating that the candidate is mentally and cognitively fit to perform the duties of a constable. In the event that the candidate seeks election to the office of constable by the county legislative body to fill a vacancy in office, the same letter must be filed with the county clerk prior to the election.

(B) A constable in office on and elected prior to July 1, 2023, or a constable who complied with subdivision (b)(1)(A)(ii) and is seeking reelection on or after July 1, 2023, is not required to resubmit the letter or obtain a new letter pursuant to subdivision (b) (1) (A) (ii).

(C) Candidates for the office of constable to which subdivision (b)(1)(A)(ii) applies are responsible for covering the costs of cognitive and psychological testing.

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

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of March 2024.

Attest: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

SPONSOR: Cheryl Harvey
CO-SPONSOR: Gary Stidham

2024-03-07 ACTIONS: Introduced at Work Session on March 14, 2024 and sponsor requested item be placed on Waiver of Rules on March 21. 03/21/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 20 Yes, 1 Abstain, 1 No, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

Sullivan County March 21, 2024

3/21/2024

37 Item 7 Resolution No 2024-03-07 Sponsors: Harvey/Stidham
Vote

Description

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION DESIGNATE THE ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION AS THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFIRMING WHETHER CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AS CONSTABLE BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION WHEN VACANCIES OCCUR IS QUALIFIED UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF IN STATE LAW

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:21:32 PM
Voting stop time 7:21:48 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	20
Abstain	1
No	1
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
No group	20	1	1	0
Total result	20	1	1	0/2

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 8
Resolution No. 2024-03-08

To the honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE USE OF \$80,000 OF REVENUES GENERATED BY OBSERVATON KNOB PARK FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK.

WHEREAS, over the last two seasons, county-operated Observation Knob Park on the shores of beautiful South Holston Lake has produced \$120,830.40 over and above its operational expenses; and

WHEREAS, all revenue from the park is deposited into the county's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County's Observation Knob Park Committee and park management have identified needed improvements to better serve visitors to the park, including a growing number of Sullivan County families since changes to park policies in recent seasons; and

WHEREAS, some of the proposed improvements (and quoted costs provided by potential vendors for each project) include: a new boat dock to be placed at the park's boat ramp (\$28,267); 20 new picnic tables, 4 Recreational Benches, 4 new trash bins, 2 pet waste stations, and a message/info center (\$25,913 total); new fencing around the playground, and a new section to add a dog park (\$21,100 total); add new commercial toilets, urinal, sinks, mirrors, hand dryers at Bath House #2 (\$2794.43 total); new roof materials for bathhouse #2 from Lyons Metal in Piney Flats (no current quote available, estimated at \$3,500); and

WHEREAS, these improvements are not within the scope of a grant received to improve and enhance the park; and

WHEREAS, priority tasks of that grant are: Resurfacing/paving for ADA/PROWAG compliance with FHWA and TDOT – including ramps, bike lanes, ADA parking spots; ADA compliant building – bathhouses and office; Trail enhancements; Swim Platform to protect shoreline; Rip rap/erosion control for shoreline restoration; All-Accessible Playground - ADA compliant; and

WHEREAS, the grant is covering all resurfacing of pavement and restriping to ensure all parking lot spacing, ramps and bike/pedestrian lanes are ADA accessible, and, once TDOT releases the county, the first task will be engineering and environmental review, which will take some time.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission approves transfer back to Observation Knob Park \$80,000 of the nearly \$121,000 the park has contributed to the county General Fund over the last two seasons to fund the improvements listed in Whereas #4 above, account codes and numbers to be assigned by the Finance Department.

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All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of March 2024.

Attested: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

Sponsor: Sam Jones

Cosponsors: David Hayes; Darlene Calton, Cross

2024-03-08 ACTIONS: Introduced at Work Session on March 14, 2024 and sponsors requested item be placed on waiver of rules for March 21 Regular Session.

03/21/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County March 21, 2024

3/21/2024

38 Item 8 Resolution No. 2024-03-08 Sponsors: Jones/Calton
Vote

Description A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE USE OF \$80,000 OF REVENUES GENERATED BY OBSERVATON KNOB PARK FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK.

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:26:45 PM
Voting stop time 7:27:00 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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 9
Resolution No. 2024-03-09

To the honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024

A RESOLUTION TO NAME SULLIVAN COUNTY EMS STATION #6 IN HONOR OF JOHN HUBBARD AND HAL COLE.

WHEREAS, John Hubbard has served 10 years with Sullivan County EMS; and

WHEREAS, Hal Cole has served 27 years with Sullivan County EMS; and

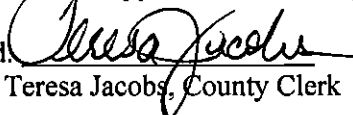
WHEREAS, each has served county residents with compassion, understanding, and the utmost respect and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, each devoted much of their time in dedication to public safety and providing lifesaving care, at times placing their own well-being at risk in favor of the public good.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission proclaims Sullivan County EMS Station #6 shall be named in honor of John Hubbard and Hal Cole.

All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of March 2024

Attested: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: 
Richard S. Venable, Mayor

Sponsor: Hunter Locke

Cosponsors: Travis Ward; Sam Jones, everyone voting in the affirmative.

2024-03-09 ACTIONS: Introduced at Work Session on March 14, 2024, and without objection placed on consent calendar for March 21. 03/21/24 Consent Agenda failed, returned to regular agenda. Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County March 21, 2024

3/21/2024

41 Item 9 Resolution No. 2024-03-09 Sponsors: Locke/Ward/Jones
Vote

Description

A RESOLUTION TO NAME SULLIVAN COUNTY EMS STATION #6 IN HONOR OF JOHN HUBBARD AND HALE COLE.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:29:15 PM
Voting stop time 7:29:42 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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 10
Resolution No. 2024-03-10

To the honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOUTH HOLSTON RURITAN CLUB TO SEEK AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH TVA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE BALL FIELDS ON TVA PROPERTY ON SOUTH HOLSTON LAKE IDENTIFIED AS TRACT NO. XTSH-33RE AND BEING USED BY SOUTH HOLSTON RURITAN FOR COMMUNITY PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, South Holston Ruritan wishes to improve ball fields it has maintained on TVA land at South Holston Lake through a sublease agreement approved by TVA; and

WHEREAS, South Holston Ruritan has requested Sullivan County's permission to amend the agreement with TVA to allow for the civic group's plans to improve the ball fields, which are used by the public; and

WHEREAS, the South Holston Ruritan will cover all funding for this TVA application process as well as completion of the proposed project if approved by TVA, with no funding provided by Sullivan County.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission authorizes South Holston Ruritan to seek to amend its agreement with TVA for continued use of land identified as Tract No. XTSH-33RE, with specific plans to send an application to TVA to clear and improve ball fields at 415 Meadow Creek Rd.

All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of March 2024.

Attested: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: 
Richard S. Venable, Mayor

Sponsor: Comm. David Hayes

Cosponsors: Comm. Joyce Crosswhite, Comm. Michael Cole (all members voting in the affirmative)

2024-03-10 ACTIONS: Introduced at Work Session on March 14, 2024, and without objection placed on consent calendar for March 21. 03/21/24 Consent Agenda failed, returned to regular agenda. Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County March 21, 2024

3/21/2024

42 Item 10 Resolution No 2024-03-10 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Leonard/Cole
Vote

Description

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOUTH HOLSTON RURITAN CLUB TO SEEK AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH TVA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE BALL FIELDS ON TVA PROPERTY ON SOUTH HOLSTON LAKE IDENTIFIED AS TRACT NO. XTSH-33RE AND BEING USED BY SOUTH HOLSTON RURITAN FOR COMMUNITY PURPOSES.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:31:50 PM
Voting stop time 7:32:06 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	0

Individual voting result

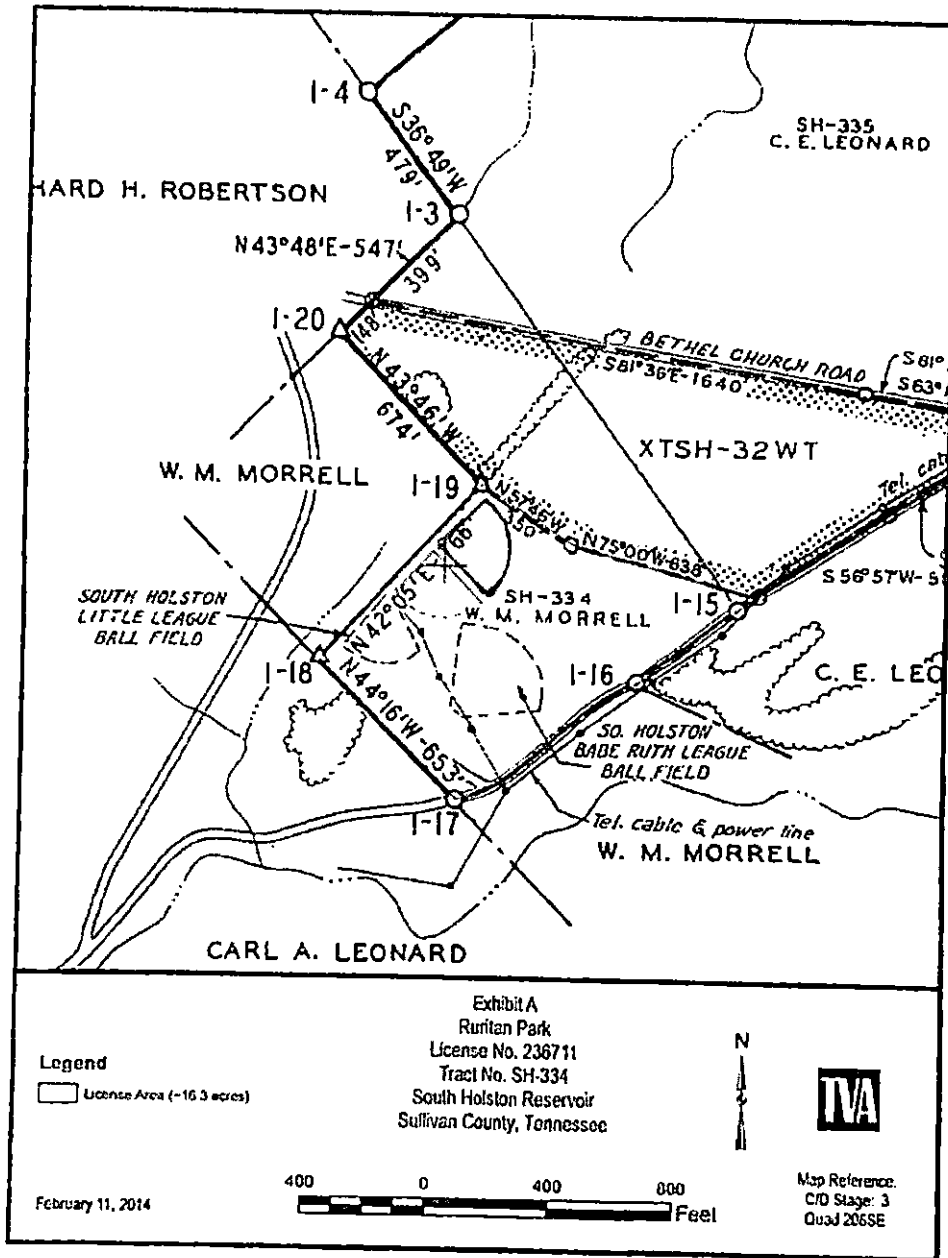
Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Akard, David ()	X			
Calton, Darlene ()	X			
Carr, Joe ()	X			
Cole, Michael ()	X			
Crawford, Larry ()	X			
Cross, Andrew ()	X			
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X			
Gardner, John ()	X			
Glover, Hershel ()	X			
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X			
Hayes, David ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()				X
Ireson, 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			

ATTACHED:

**MAPS OF SOUTH
HOLSTON RURITAN
PROJECT AREA**

**ON SOUTH HOLSTON
LAKE**





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Item 11
No. 2024-03-12

**ITEM 11, Resolution No.
2024-03-12 was ruled out of
order at the Work Session
on March 14, 2024, because
it did not have a cosponsor.**



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Item 12
 No. 2024-03-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024.

RESOLUTION to amend the Sullivan County Solid Waste Fund for the 2024 fiscal year to reflect the funds related to the Tire Tax Collections and appropriations.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County receives funds from the tire collection tax by the State of Tennessee which have not been identified in the revenues and related expenditures in the 2024 Fiscal Year budget; and,

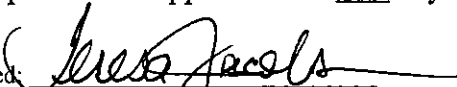
WHEREAS, the current year's budget should reflect projected balances available in the amount of \$112,240.00 which are designated to be appropriated for related purposes.

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 Solid Waste Fund Budget by \$112,240.00 (Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department.)

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 March, 2024.

Attested:


 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk


 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored by: Hershel Glover
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Zane Vanover

2024-03-12 ACTION: Introduced at the Work Session on March 14, 2024. 03/21/24
 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

320

Meeting name

Sullivan County March 21, 2024

3/21/2024

61 Item 12 Resolution No. 2024-03-12 Sponsors: Glover/Vanover
Vote

Description RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FUND FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR TO REFLECT THE FUNDS RELATED TO THE TIRE TAX COLLECTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:33:15 PM
Voting stop time 7:33:27 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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 13
No. 2024-03-13

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024.

RESOLUTION to Accept and Appropriate Funds to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office from the State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance, to help local law enforcement agencies with tuition assistance, training, and professional development expenses.

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce and Insurance Programs has grant funding available for Tennessee Law Enforcement agencies to help with tuition assistance, training, and professional development expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office applied for the grant funding that will benefit the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office through the payment of \$9,000 per officer that was hired after May 1, 2023 and completes/graduates from the TLETA Basic Training Academy;

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office's share of funding from the grant application approved by Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance is in the amount of \$200,000 and no matching funds required to be utilized from FY 24 – FY 28; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to accept these Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy Grant funds from the State of Tennessee in the amount of \$200,000 and approve the funds to be used as required by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office from FY 24-FY28.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of said grant application, Sullivan County is hereby authorized to receive, appropriate, and expend said grant funds; not to exceed the above amount (\$200,000), as required by the grant contract. The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are to be established by the Accounts and Budgets Department.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Approved this 21st day of March 2024.

Attest: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: 
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Gary Stidham

Co-Sponsor(s): Tony Leonard

2024-03-13 ACTIONS: Introduced at Work Session on March 14, 2024, Waiver of Rules requested.
03/21/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County March 21, 2024

3/21/2024

62 Item 13 Resolution No. 2024-03-13 Sponsors: Stidham/Leonard
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION to Accept and Appropriate Funds to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office from the State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance, to help local law enforcement agencies with tuition assistance, training, and professional development expenses.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:34:18 PM
Voting stop time 7:34:31 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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 14
Resolution No. 2024-03-14

To the honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AMERICA'S THRIFT STORES FOR PLACEMENT OF COLLECTION BINS AT SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTERS LOCATED ON SULLIVAN COUNTY PROPERTY TO BENEFIT MAKE-A-WISH TENNESSEE.

WHEREAS, both parties wish to establish a regular practice whereby ATS processes and recycles textiles and home goods collected through location of ATS kiosks or trailers placed at Sullivan County Recycling Drop Off points located on Sullivan County properties; and

WHEREAS, ATS will take ownership of the textiles and home goods once it leaves Sullivan County properties, to be recycled by ATS; and

WHEREAS, ATS will in return provide a portion of the resulting revenue stream to Make-A-Wish Northeast Tennessee to benefit children in Sullivan County and communities throughout the organization's service area; and

WHEREAS, either party may terminate this memorandum of understanding for any reason with written notice of at least 15 days prior to a scheduled textile collection.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners meeting in Regular Session authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with America's Thrift Stores for placement of collection bins at the following locations:

Bristol Transfer Station
804 Raytheon Rd, Bristol, TN 37620
Proposed Assets: 2 Bins | Approved:2

Kingsport Transfer Station
1921 Brookside LN, Kingsport, TN 37660
Proposed Assets: 2 Bins | Approved:2

Blountville Middle School Football Field
1651 Blountville Rd, Blountville Tn, 37617
Proposed Assets: 2 Bins | Approved:2

Colonial Heights Convenience Center
101 Lakecrest Dr, Colonial Heights, TN 37663
Proposed Assets: 2 Bins | Approved:2



Holston Valley Middle School
1717 Bristol Caverns Rd, Bristol Tn 37620
Proposed Assets: 2 Bins | Approved:2

Indian Springs Elementary School
333 Hill Rd, Kingsport TN 37664
Proposed Assets: 2 Bins | Approved:2

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 _____ 2024.

Attested: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored by: Travis Ward
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Joe Carr

2024-03-14 ACTION: Introduced at the Work Session on March 14, 2024. 03/21/24 1st Reading



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Item 15
 No. 2024-03-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024.

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS MODEL GRANT PROJECT OF BUILDING A CONSTRUCTION LAB AT WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.

WHEREAS on March 18, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to supplement the grant funds to complete the project of building a construction lab at West Ridge High School; and,

WHEREAS the Board of Education also approved a total expenditure to supplement the project of up to \$536,812.00; ~~-\$550,000.00~~

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes transferring \$550,000.00 from the fund balance of the Board of Education instead of the originally stated amount of \$536,812.00 and authorizes the Purchasing Agent to secure an architect and bids to complete this project.


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 March, 2024.

Attest


 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk


 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Mark Ireson

Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite

2024-03-15 ACTIONS: Introduced at March 21 Regular Session, Waiver of Rules requested. 03/21/24 Amended by Sponsor to approve transferring \$550,000.00 from the fund balance of the Board of Education instead of the originally stated amount of \$536,812.00 and for this statement to be added to the **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** section. There was no opposition to the amendment. Approved as amended on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent.



Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name **Sullivan County March 21, 2024**

3/21/2024

64 Item 15 Resolution No. 2024-03-15 Sponsors: Ireson/Crosswhite
Vote

Description RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS MODEL GRANT PROJECT OF BUILDING A CONSTRUCTION LAB AT WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:39:47 PM
Voting stop time 7:40:01 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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 16
 No. 2024-03-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024.

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING AT THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL FIELD AND TENNIS COURTS, DRAINAGE WORK AT THE BASEBALL FIELD, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRESS BOX AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

WHEREAS on March 18, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to secure a qualified architect to design these projects and place them out for bids; and,

WHEREAS the Board of Education also approved total expenditures of the projects up to \$500,000.00;

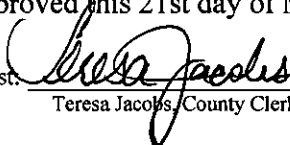
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes *transferring \$500,000.00 from the fund balance of the Board of Education's fund balance into their Building Funds* and authorizes the Purchasing Agent to secure an architect and bids to complete this project.

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 March 2024.

Attest:


 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk


 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Mark Ireson

Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite

2024-03-16 ACTIONS: Introduced at Regular Session on March 21, Waiver of Rules requested. 03/21/24 Sponsor amended to add the words *authorizes transferring \$500,000.00 from the fund balance of the Board of Education into their Building Funds* into the **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** section. There was no opposition to the amendment. Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent.



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

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3/21/2024

65 Item 16 Resolution No. 2024-03-16 Sponsors: Ireson/Crosswhite
Vote

Description

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING AT THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL FIELD AND TENNIS COURTS, DRAINAGE WORK AT THE BASEBALL FIELD, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRESS BOX AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:42:12 PM
Voting stop time 7:42:34 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	0 2

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 17
 No. 2024-03-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY'S FELLOW PARTNERS IN NETWORKS TO OBLIGATE THE COUNTY TO FUND \$561,000 OF A \$1.1 MILLION PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership has approved the purchase of 40+/- acres located on Airport Parkway from the Kingsport Economic Development Board for ultimate development for industrial purposes which will create new jobs and generate tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of purchasing the property and completion of engineering studies is estimated not to exceed \$1.1 million; and

WHEREAS, the partnership's corresponding obligations for each partner are as follows: Sullivan County – 51% (\$561,000); City of Kingsport – 31% (\$341,000); City of Bristol, Tenn. – 17% (\$187,000); City of Bluff City – 1% (\$11,000); and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County believes the project outlined above will support the economic development of Sullivan County as a whole and will contribute to fulfilling the mission of NETWORKS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County authorizes the Mayor of Sullivan County to sign an agreement with Sullivan County's fellow partners in NETWORKS to obligate Sullivan County to support the purchase and initial engineering phase of the Project in an amount not to exceed 51% of the total cost, not to exceed \$561,000.

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 March 2024.

Attest: 
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk


 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Sam Jones

Co-Sponsor(s): Zane Vanover, Travis Ward, Gary Stidham, Mark Ireson, everyone voting in the affirmative.

2024-03-17 ACTIONS: Introduced at Regular Session on March 21. 03/21/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent.



Agenda subject voting report

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3/21/2024

Meeting name **Sullivan County March 21, 2024**

66 Item 17 Resolution No. 2024-03-17 Sponsors: Jones/Vanover
Vote

Description A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY'S FELLOW PARTNERS IN NETWORKS TO OBLIGATE THE COUNTY TO FUND \$561,000 OF A \$1.1 MILLION PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:46:58 PM
Voting stop time 7:47:16 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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 18
 No. 2024-03-18

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY IN DECEMBER 2023 AS AWARD FOR GRANT APPLICATION APPROVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISISON IN JANUARY 2023.

WHEREAS, a grant contract exists between the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and Sullivan County for the period December 15, 2023, through March 31, 2026, for the provision of improvements under the Community Development Block Grant – CV Addressing Food Insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract includes the following budget line-item details for appropriation of the \$500,000 grant funding, which requires no matching funds from the county:

- 1) Grant Administration - \$26,889.00
- 2) Other Non-Personnel - \$73,111.00
- 3) Capital Purchase - \$400,000

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners approves appropriation of \$500,000 in CDBG funds as outlined above, accounts and codes to be assigned by the county Finance Department.

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 March 2024.

Attest. 
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk


 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: David Akard

Co-Sponsor(s): Darlene Calton

2024-03-18 ACTIONS: Introduced at Regular Session on March 21. 03/21/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County March 21, 2024

3/21/2024

67 Item 18 Resolution No. 2024-03-18 Sponsors: Akard/Calton
Vote

Description

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY IN DECEMBER 2023 AS AWARD FOR GRANT APPLICATION APPROVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISISON IN JANUARY 2023.

Chairman

Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:49:14 PM
Voting stop time 7:49:27 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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 19
 No. 2024-03-19

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March 2024.

RESOLUTION To Sell County-Owned Delinquent Tax Property in the 5th Civil District

WHEREAS, Sullivan County acquired real property through a delinquent property tax proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the property is \$ 6,754.73 for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$1,000.00 has been received from Phillip Campbell on the parcel of land located in the 5th Civil District identified as 1193 Bethel Drive Tax Map 051 Parcel 074.00; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507 a legal notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in Sullivan County advising the public of such bid and potential sale of land; and

WHEREAS, during the ten-day period after publication, the Office of the County Mayor received no raised bids on such property; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Delinquent Tax Committee has reviewed the delinquency period, location, condition, and value of the property and took into consideration the bid placed upon the property; and the Committee has recommended that the County accept the bid;

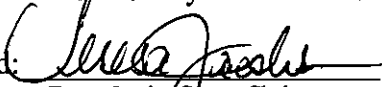
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the sale of property located in the 5th Civil District identified as 1193 Bethel Drive Tax Map 051 Parcel 074.00 to Phillip Campbell for \$1,000.00 for the parcel in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a provision of the sale be that the buyer agrees to bring the property into compliance with the Sullivan County Property Maintenance Code within one year of receiving the deed for this property.

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 March 2024.

Attested: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk


Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Darlene Calton

Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

2024-03-19 ACTIONS: Introduced at Regular Session on March 21. 03/21/24 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent



Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County March 21, 2024

3/21/2024

68 Item 19 Resolution No. 2024-03-19 Sponsors: Calton/Crosswhite
Vote

Description RESOLUTION To Sell County Owned Delinquent Tax Property in the 5th Civil District

Chairman Venable, Richard

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:50:54 PM
Voting stop time 7:51:09 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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			



Jesse E. Mansourni
Comptroller

Report On Debt Obligation

Entity and Debt Information		
Entity Name Sullivan County		
Entity Address 3411 Highway 126, Suite 206 Blountville, Tennessee 37617		
Debt Issue Name General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024		
Debt Issue Face Amount \$15,675,000.00		
Face Amount Premium or Discount?	Premium Amount	
Premium	\$1,491,518.10	
Tax Status Tax - Exempt		
Interest Type	True Interest Cost (TIC)	
True Interest Cost (TIC)	3.442984%	
Debt Obligation Bond		
Moody's Rating	Standard & Poor's Rating	Fitch Rating
Aa2	Unrated	Unrated
Other Rating Agency Name	Other Rating Agency Rating	
N/A	N/A	
Security General Obligation		
Type of Sale Per Authorizing Document Competitive Bid		
Dated Date	Issue/Closing Date	Final Maturity Date
1/10/2024	1/10/2024	5/1/2043



Debt Purpose		
Purpose	Percentage	Description
General Government	100%	County archives, emergency management services, administrative and justice facilities
Education	0%	N/A
Other	0%	N/A
Refunding	0%	N/A
Utilities	0%	N/A

Cost of Issuance and Professionals			
Does your Debt Issue have costs or professionals?			
Yes			
Description	Amount	Recurring Portion	Firm Name
Financial Advisor Fees	\$67,500.00	N/A	Stephens, Inc.
Legal Fees - Bond Counsel	\$25,000.00	N/A	Bass, Berry & Sims PLC
Rating Agency Fees	\$25,500.00	N/A	Moody's Investors Service
Underwriter's Discount %	0.221%	N/A	BofA Securities, Inc.
Printing and Advertising Fees	\$1,638.75	N/A	I-Preo
Registration/Paying Agent	\$750.00	\$500	U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association
Underwriter's Discount (\$)	\$34,627.92	N/A	BofA Securities, Inc.
TOTAL COSTS	\$155,016.67		



Maturity Dates, Amounts, and Interest Rates		
Year	Amount	Interest Rate
2024	\$945,000.00	5.000
2025	\$485,000.00	5.000
2026	\$510,000.00	5.000
2027	\$535,000.00	5.000
2028	\$565,000.00	5.000
2029	\$590,000.00	5.000
2030	\$620,000.00	5.000
2031	\$650,000.00	5.000
2032	\$685,000.00	5.000
2033	\$720,000.00	5.000
2034	\$755,000.00	5.000
2035	\$790,000.00	5.000
2036	\$830,000.00	5.000
2037	\$875,000.00	5.000
2038	\$915,000.00	5.000
2039	\$960,000.00	4.000
2040	\$1,000,000.00	4.000
2041	\$1,040,000.00	4.000
2042	\$1,080,000.00	4.000
2043	\$1,125,000.00	4.000

See final page for Submission Details and Signatures



Submission Details and Signatures

Is there an official statement or disclosure document, as applicable, that will be posted to EMMA: <https://emma.msrb.org/>?

Yes

Name and title of individual responsible for posting continuing disclosure information to EMMA

Lary G. Bailey, Director of Finance

Signature - Chief Executive or Finance Officer of the Public Entity

Name	Title/Position
Richard Venable	County Mayor
Email	Alternate Email
rvenable@sullivancountytn.gov	N/A

Signature - Preparer (Submitter) of This Form

Name	Title/Position
Jeff Oldham	Member
Email	Alternate Email
joldham@bassberry.com	N/A
Relationship to Public Entity	Organization
Bond Counsel	Bass, Berry & Sims PLC

Verification of Form Accuracy

By checking the box below as the signing of this form, I attest the following:

1. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information in this form is accurate.
2. The debt herein complies with the approved Debt Management Policy of the public entity.
3. If the form has been prepared by someone other than the CEO or CFO, the CEO or CFO has authorized the submission of this document.

Verify Form Accuracy

Date to be Presented at Public Meeting

01/15/2024

Date to be emailed/mailed to members of the governing body

N/A

Final Confirmation:

I hereby submit this report to the Division of Local Government Finance of the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury and understand my legal responsibility to: File this report with the members of the governing body no later than 45 days after the issuance or execution of the debt disclosed on this form. The Report is to be delivered to each member of the Governing Body and presented at a public meeting of the body. If there is not a scheduled public meeting of the governing body within forty-five (45) days, the report will be delivered by email or regular US mail to meet the 45-day requirement and also presented at the next scheduled meeting.



1988-2003:

1001. Procedure. The Sullivan County Board of Commissioners may amend the regulations, boundaries, or any provision of this Ordinance. Any member of the board of commissioners may introduce such amendment, or any official, board or any other person may present a petition to the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners requesting an amendment or amendments to this Ordinance. All changes and amendments shall be effective only after official notice and public hearing.

1003. Initiation of Amendments. An amendment of this Ordinance may be initiated by any one of the following three methods: the verified petition of one or more persons interested in the proposed amendment, the resolution of the Sullivan County Planning Commission; and the resolution of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners.

2004-2007:

12-106.2-Initiation of Amendment-Amendments may be initiated by the **County Commission, the Planning Commission, the Planning Director, and the Building Commissioner** or by an application by any other interested person(s).

2008-Present:

12-106.2-Initiation of Amendment-Amendments to the Zoning Resolution text, may be initiated by **the County Commission, the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission or the Planning Director.** Amendments to the Zoning District Map may be initiated by the County Commission, Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission, a property owner of the land which is to be considered for rezoning, or the legal agent representing the property owner, such as Power of Attorney, Licensed Realtor, or buyer under contract of said property. Legal documentation verifying the legal interest in said real property shall be made available to the Planning & Zoning Director prior to acceptance of any rezoning application. *(Amended on January 22, 2008)*

- **Passed out to commission by Commissioner Hershel Glover**

Sullivan County



AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER SLAGLE TO MEET AGAIN IN WORK SESSION ON APRIL 11, 2024.

Richard S. Venable

RICHARD VENABLE

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN