

COUNTY COMMISSION-WORK SESSION

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JUNE 12, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN MONTHLY WORK SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 12, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS CHAIRMAN JOHN GARDNER AND TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by Chairman John Gardner, Corporal Joyner opened the commission and Commissioner Crawford gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Commissioner Gary Stidham.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	MARK IRESON
DARLENE CALTON	SAM JONES
MICHAEL COLE	TONY LEONARD
LARRY CRAWFORD	
JOYCE CROSSWHITE	
JOHN GARDNER	
CHERYL HARVEY	GARY STIDHAM
DAVID HAYES	ZANE VANOVER
	TRAVIS WARD

13 PRESENT, 11 ABSENT

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: AKARD, CARR, CROSS, GLOVER, HORNE,
KING, LOCKE, MCMURRAY, MEANS, PIERCE, SLAGLE

NOTE: AKARD IN AT 6:05, MEANS IN AT 6:07, CROSS IN AT 6:14

The following pages indicate the action taken by the Commission on rezoning requests for the month of June, 2025.

There were no rezoning cases for the month of June 2025

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission June 12 2025

6/12/2025

4 Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk
Roll Call

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Description

Roll Call

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:00:41 PM
Voting stop time 6:01:11 PM
Voting configuration Roll Call - Attendances
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Present	13
Total Present	13
Total Seats	28
Absent	11

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	13	0
Total result	13	0

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 COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA TOPICS
JUNE 12, 2025

PLEASE PRINT

	Name	Street Address	City
5.	<u>Doug Woods</u>	<u>535 Nottingham Rd</u>	<u>KP</u>
6.	<u>Wesley Whitaker</u>	<u>512 Red Cedar Branch Rd.</u>	<u>Kingsport</u>
7.	<u>Mark Tonbett</u>	<u>109 Robinson Walk</u>	<u>Bristol</u>
8.	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.

REZONING HEARING

- ❖ Call to Order
- ❖ Chairman John Gardner presiding
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Public Hearing and Commission Vote for Rezoning Requests and/or Zoning Text Amendments

Item 1 Resolution No. 2025-06-01

Sponsors: Calton/Hayes

RESOLUTION To Consider Amendment(s) To the Sullivan County Zoning Plan:
Zoning Map or The Zoning Resolution.

THERE ON NO REZONING CASES OR TEXT AMENDMENTS FOR
CONSIDERATION THIS MONTH.

- ❖ Adjournment of Rezoning Hearing

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Rezoning Hearing*

Item 1
Resolution No. 2025-06-01

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 12th day of June 2025.

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

WHEREAS the rezoning petition(s) have been duly initiated; have been before the appropriate Regional Planning Commission (recommendations enclosed); and shall receive a public hearing as required prior to final action from the County Commission; and

WHEREAS such rezoning petition(s) and/or the proposed text amendment(s) will require an amendment to the SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN – Zoning Map or Zoning Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby consider rezoning petition(s) and/or the Zoning Resolution Text Amendment(s), conduct the appropriate public hearing as required by law, and vote upon the proposed amendment(s) individually, by roll call vote, and that the vote be valid and binding, and that any necessary amendments to the official zoning map or resolution code book be made by the Planning & Codes Department.

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

Duly passed and approved this ____ day of ____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

County Clerk, Sullivan County

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____
day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the
following _____ method:
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Mayor, Sullivan County

Introduced by: Commissioner Darlene Calton
Seconded by: Commissioner David Hayes
ACTIONS: 06/12/25 No Rezoning cases for June 2025

COUNTY COMMISSION WORK SESSION**June 12, 2025**

- ❖ Public Comment Agenda Items
- ❖ Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items
- ❖ Review of Old Business and Draft Resolutions
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Conclusion of Work Session

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution 2025-05-14

Sponsors: Slagle/Akard

A RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ENTER A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF BRISTOL TENNESSEE FOR PURCHASE AND SUBSEQUENT CO-OWNERSHIP OF 260 MIDWAY MEDICAL PARK, BRISTOL, TENNESSEE, TO EXPAND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT A NEW LOCATION TO BE AT THAT ADDRESS.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 2 Resolution No. 2025-06-02

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTION IN THE 2024-25 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET.

Item 3 Resolution No. 2025-06-03

Sponsors: Cole/Ward

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AMY D. MCCREADY TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY WORK RELEASE COMMISSION.

Item 4 Resolution No. 2025-06-04

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION to RECOGNIZE THE REMAINING APPROPRIATIONS RESULTING FROM A DONATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TURF FOR THE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL INFIELDS AT SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL IN A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET.

Item 5 Resolution No. 2025-06-05

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION to Amend the 2024-2025 General Purpose School Budget For Various Account Series.

Item 6 Resolution No. 2025-06-06

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED FOR PROJECT ON TRACK EXPENSES.

Item 7 Resolution 2025-06-07

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL NUTRITION BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES.

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Item 8 Resolution 2025-06-08

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2025 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 9 Resolution 2025-06-09

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION to Recognize Reimbursement for the Recruitment and Retention Award Stipends

Item 10 Resolution 2025-06-10

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE LIGHTING FOR THE WEST RIGHT HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX ROAD

Item 11 Resolution 2025-06-11

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

Resolution: MINERAL SEVERANCE TAX INCREASE.

Item 12 Resolution 2025-06-12

Sponsors: King/Hayes

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TO SIGN THE ATTACHED CONTRACT, BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR MISCELLANEOUS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS LOCAL ROADS

Item 13 Resolution 2025-06-13

Sponsors: Jones/Calton

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

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Item 1
Resolution No. 2025-05-14

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of May 2025.

A RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ENTER A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF BRISTOL TENNESSEE FOR PURCHASE AND SUBSEQUENT CO-OWNERSHIP OF 260 MIDWAY MEDICAL PARK, BRISTOL, TENNESSEE, TO EXPAND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT A NEW LOCATION TO BE AT THAT ADDRESS.

WHEREAS to best serve county residents who live in the greater Bristol Tennessee area, the Sullivan County Regional Health Department has an opportunity to provide public health services, now available only in Blountville and Kingsport locations of the department, to a location within the city of Bristol, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS this opportunity is available through a partnership with the city of Bristol, Tennessee, which has a limited-time option to purchase an 8,772 square foot, two-story medical clinic facility located at 260 Midway Medical Park, Bristol, Tennessee, for the sum of \$640,000; and

WHEREAS the city of Bristol, Tennessee, currently leases space in the building and plans to continue to use that space for its own purposes after purchasing the property; and

WHEREAS the estimated value of the space used by the city is \$189,000; and

WHEREAS the city is willing and able to fund the full purchase, if the county commits to repay the city for the remaining cost of the property, in equal payments over four fiscal years; and

WHEREAS a third-party inspector is scheduled to visit the property on Monday, May 12, and provide a report on major components (roof, HVAC, etc.) to the health department no later than close of business Tuesday, May 13; and

WHEREAS a called meeting of the Sullivan County Building Committee and the committee's recommendation in favor of this resolution is required for this resolution to come for a vote by the full Sullivan County Commission on May 15.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 15, 2025, AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF BRISTOL TENNESSEE WHICH WILL STIPULATE TERMS OF THE COUNTY'S PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF UP TO \$451,000 IN EQUAL ONE-FOURTH INSTALLMENTS OVER THE PERIOD OF FOUR FISCAL YEARS TOWARDS PURCHASE OF 260 MIDWAY MEDICAL PARK IN BRISTOL TENNESSEE.

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Item 1

Resolution No. 2025-05-14

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THE PRECISE AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY THE COUNTY TO THE CITY SHALL EQUAL THE CITY'S TOTAL PAYMENT FOR THE PROPERTY, MINUS THE PORTION OF THE PURCHASE PRICE EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE OF THE BUILDING'S SQUARE FOOTAGE USED BY THE CITY FOR OPERATION OF A CLINIC FOR THE CITY'S EMPLOYEES.

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.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Matt Slagle

Cosponsors: Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey, Andrew Cross

ACTIONS: 05/15/25 1 ST Reading; 06/12/25 (Work Session) To be considered at regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 2
Resolution No. 2025-06-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of June 2025.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTION IN THE 2024-25 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has reimbursement for the provision of a dual enrollment instructor for various CTE programs; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2024-25 year are \$39,950.00; and

WHEREAS, the CTE department would like to utilize these reimbursements to enhance the equipment provided in various CTE programming; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said reimbursement; not to exceed the above amount (\$39,950.00). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
48130	Contributions	39,950.00
71300-730-007	Vocational Instruction Equip	39,950.00

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

Duly adopted ____ day of ____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 2
Resolution No. 2025-06-02

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 06/12/25 (Work Session) Placed on Consent for regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 3
Resolution No. 2025-06-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of June 2025.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AMY D. MCCREADY TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY WORK RELEASE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Work Release Commission currently has a vacant position due to the retirement of Dennis Doran effective May 01, 2025, and;

WHEREAS, per T.C.A. 41-2-134 (a) (b) (c), the County Sheriff shall appoint the members of the Work Release Commission, subject to approval of the County Legislative Body, and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff, Jeff Cassidy, appoints Amy D. McCready, a former Sullivan County Deputy, to fill the vacant position and serve as a Sullivan County Work Release Commissioner, along with current Work Release Commissioners Cindy Adams and Steve Hatfield.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the appointment of Amy D. McCready to the Sullivan County Work Release Commission.

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 adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____ John T. Gardner, Chairman,
Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____ Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County Reviewed and

VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____ Mayor, Sullivan
County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of

_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following

method:

_____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Michael Cole

Cosponsors: Travis Ward; Tony Leonard; Andrew Cross.

ACTIONS: 06/12/25 (Work Session) Placed on Consent for regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 4
Resolution No. 2025-06-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of June, 2025.

RESOLUTION to RECOGNIZE THE REMAINING APPROPRIATIONS RESULTING FROM A DONATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TURF FOR THE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL INFIELDS AT SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL IN A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET.

WHEREAS on February 15, 2024, the Sullivan County Commission approved at its regular session Resolution No. 2024-02-06 that placed the remaining funds from the one-time appropriation in a restricted account in the General Purpose School Budget; and

WHEREAS the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for this approved project was \$0; and

WHEREAS on December 19, 2024, the Sullivan County Commission approved at its regular session Resolution No. 2024-12-07 that placed said remaining funds into a restricted account for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation of funds resulting from the one-time appropriation to a General Purpose School Budget for the amount of funds remaining from the previously approved resolutions totalling \$51,787.87. Said funds are to be distributed amongst the boys and girls programs according to the following accounts.

34665-529	\$ 51,787.87
76100-799-03019-529	\$ 51,787.87

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

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 4
Resolution No. 2025-06-04

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover, everyone voting in the affirmative.

ACTIONS: 06/12/25 (Work Session) Placed on Consent for regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 5
Resolution No. 2025-06-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of June, 2025.

RESOLUTION to Amend the 2024-2025 General Purpose School Budget For Various Account Series mentioned below; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-114	Computer Repair Tech	+\$19,000
71100-116	Teachers	-\$288,100
71100-189	Other Salaries & Wages	+\$56,000
71100-207	Medical Insurance	-\$34,750
72210-129	Librarians	+\$110,000
72210-161	Secretary (s)	+\$1,000
72210-207	Medical Insurance	+\$28,000
72210-208	Dental Insurance	+\$250
72230-105	Supervisor/Director	+\$9,000
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+\$3,100
72320-103	Assistant (s)	-\$200
72320-161	Secretary (s)	+\$200
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+\$6,500
72620-105	Supervisor/Director	+\$26,000

72620-161	Secretary (s)	+\$6,000
72710-146	Bus Drivers	+\$45,000
73400-163	Educational Assistants	+\$13,000

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.

Waiver of the Rules Requested

Duly adopted ____ day of ____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 06/12/25 (Work Session) Placed on Consent for regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 6
Resolution No. 2025-06-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of June, 2025.

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED FOR
PROJECT ON TRACK EXPENSES.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the Niswonger Foundation for Project On Track Expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received a total of \$257,230.79 in reimbursement for tutoring and instructional supply expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said reimbursements in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount (\$257,230.79). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
48130-70	Contributions	257,230.79
71100-189-70	Other Salaries & Wages	221,348.55
71100-201-70	Social Security	10,107.89
71100-204-70	State Retirement	264.58
71100-212-70	Employer Medicare	3,209.77
72210-429-70	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	22,300.00

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

Duly adopted ____ day of ____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 6
Resolution No. 2025-06-06

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 06/12/25 (Work Session) Placed on Consent for regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 7
Resolution No. 2025-06-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of June, 2025.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL NUTRITION BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds along with an allocation from the School Nutrition Fund Balance are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the School Nutrition Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
73100-161	Secretary	+100
73100-165	Cafe Personnel	-60,000
73100-189	Other Salaries & Wages	+2,500
73100-422	Food Supplies	+410,000
39000	Undesignated FB	-352,600.00

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

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 7
Resolution No. 2025-06-07

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 06/12/25 (Work Session) Placed on Consent for regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 8
Resolution No. 2025-06-08

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2025 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2024-25 year are \$983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount (\$983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	724,424.87
47590-55	Other Federal Grants	107,960.37
46590-58	Other State Grants	150,971.83
71100-100-55	Personnel	508,175.50
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-300-55	Contracted Services	58,600.25
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	51,025.49
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	44,000.00
72710-100-58	Personnel	2,075.00
72710-200-58	Employee Benefits	403.00
72710-300-58	Contracted Services	148,493.83
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this ____ day of ____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the ____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the ____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 06/12/25 (Work Session) Placed on Consent for regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 9
Resolution No. 2025-06-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of June, 2025.

RESOLUTION to Recognize Reimbursement for the Recruitment and Retention Award Stipends

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the University of Tennessee as reimbursement for the payment of a stipend to school psychologists for recruitment and retention; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received a total of \$9,999.00 in reimbursement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said reimbursements in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount (\$9,999.00). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
48130	Contributions	9,999.00
72220-124	School Psychologist	9,999.00

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

Duly adopted this ____ day of ____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 9
Resolution No. 2025-06-09

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____
day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the
following _____ method:
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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 06/12/25 (Work Session) Placed on Consent for regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2025-06-10

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of June, 2025.

RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE LIGHTING FOR THE WEST RIGHT HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX ROAD

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution No. 2024-04-10 appropriating a total of up to \$4,000,000.00 for the purpose of completing the West Ridge High School Access Road; and

WHEREAS, the West Ridge High School Access Road was not completed during the 23-24 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the amount of expenditures incurred in FY 24-25 total \$9,689.52.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT 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 \$9,689.52 to cover the 24-25 expenditures related to the completion of the WRHS Access Road Project. The account codes are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
39000	Undesignated Fund Balance	9,689.52
76100-791	Other Construction	9,689.52

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 adopted this ____ day of ____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2025-06-10

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 06/12/25 (Work Session) Placed on Consent for regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2025-06-11

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of June 2025.

Resolution: MINERAL SEVERANCE TAX INCREASE.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 67-7-201 et seq., permits counties, upon the adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds vote of the county legislative body, to enact a mineral severance tax for the benefit of the county road fund to be administered by the state Department of Revenue; and,

WHEREAS, Sullivan County levied a mineral severance tax on sand, gravel, sandstone, chert and limestone severed from the ground within its jurisdiction pursuant to the authority granted in Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 67-7-201 et seq., in Resolution Number 2022-03-35;

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 67-7-201 et seq., permits counties to increase the mineral severance tax in accordance with the rates set forth in § 67-7-203;

WHEREAS, due to factors such as rising material costs, inflation, and supply chain disruptions, the cost of county road and bridge construction and maintenance has increased dramatically and Sullivan County needs additional revenue for construction and maintenance of its roads and bridges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the county legislative body of Sullivan County that:
SECTION 1. There is hereby levied an increase in mineral severance tax on the above-named minerals at a total levy of twenty cents (\$0.20) per ton for a tax period beginning July 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. The Mineral Severance Tax of Sullivan County, shall be collected by the state Department of Revenue in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Revenue.

SECTION 3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted immediately upon its passage to the Department of Revenue of the State of Tennessee by the County Clerk and shall be spread upon the minutes of the county legislative body.

SECTION 4. For purposes of collection, this Resolution shall take effect on the first day of the month occurring at least sixty (60) days after the certified copy is received by the Department of Revenue; for all other purposes it shall be effective upon passage by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the county legislative body of Sullivan County, the public welfare requiring it.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2025-06-11

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Joe Carr; Joyce Crosswhite; Sam Jones; Gary Stidham, everyone voting in the affirmative.

ACTIONS: 06/12/25 (Work Session) Placed on Consent for regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2025-06-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of June 2025.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TO SIGN THE ATTACHED CONTRACT, BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR MISCELLANEOUS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS LOCAL ROADS

WHEREAS, the Department desires to assist the Agency by installing various signs, snowplowable markers, reflectors, chevrons, thermoplastic white and yellow lines, guardrails, lighting, signals and/or other safety improvements within the jurisdiction of the Agency in furtherance of this program, as more particularly described in the Project plans, and

WHEREAS Sullivan County will be responsible for and pay all costs associated with maintenance of the Project. Sullivan County acknowledges that where any local road under the jurisdiction of Sullivan County ("Local Road") intersects with a state highway or other public road, Sullivan County's maintenance responsibility for the Local Road, including but not limited to traffic control devices, continues across the right-of-way of the intersecting state highway or public road to the point where the Local Road abuts the roadway of the state highway or public road. Sullivan County's maintenance responsibility described herein includes, but is not limited to, lighting, signals and other electrically operated and/or solar powered devices which may be installed as part of the Project. Sullivan County shall be solely responsible for and pay all costs associated with maintenance and operation of all electrically operated devices which may be installed as part of the Project, together with the related equipment, wiring and other necessary appurtenances, and the Agency shall furnish electrical current to all such devices. Additionally, the Agency shall be solely responsible for and pay all costs associated with the maintenance and operation of solar powered devices which may be installed as part of the Project, including but not limited to replacement of solar panels, batteries, lights and lenses. "Miscellaneous Safety Improvements on the following: Edgefield Road from Pickens Bridge Road, LM 0.00 to SR-34, LM 1.43; Whitehead Road from SR-34, LM 0.00 to Weaver Branch Road, LM 0.63; Valley Road from SR-34, LM 13.06 to Wyatt Hollow Road, LM 9.51 and from Wyatt Hollow Road, LM 0.00 to Virginia State Line, LM 2.67; River Bend Road/Piney Hill Road/Beidleman Road from SR-44, LM 0.00 to SR-34, LM 2.90; Flatwoods Road from USFS Boundary, LM 7.35 to Morrell Creek Road, LM 8.52 and from Morrell Creek Road, LM 1.28 to SR-44, LM 2.39; Rock Lane from Mountain View Drive, LM 0.00 to SR-34, LM 1.20

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 26TH DAY OF June 2025, THE MAYOR OF SULLIVAN COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACT NUMBER: 250020 BETWEEN TDOT AND SULLIVAN COUNTY FOR MISCELLANEOUS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS LOCAL ROADS SAFETY INITIATIVE SULLIVAN COUNTY PIN: 132450.71 FEDERAL PROJECT NUMBER: HSIP-8200(33) STATE PROJECT NUMBER: 82LCOU-F3-002 AGREEMENT NUMBER: 250150

Item 12
Resolution No. 2025-06-12

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

Duly passed and approved this ____ day of ____ 2025.

Duly adopted this ____ day of ____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the ____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the ____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner: Dwight King
Cosponsor: Commissioner: David Hayes

ACTIONS: 06/12/25 (Work Session) Placed on Consent for regular session on 06/26/25

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Item 13
 No. 2025-06-13

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of June 2025.

RESOLUTION To Sell County Owned Delinquent Tax Properties

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

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the properties is \$ 24,735.48 for the parcels; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$585.00 has been received from Josh Barrett on the parcels; 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 1) bid of \$110.00 for property known as Tax Map 021M B 001.00 in the 2nd Civil District; 2) bid of \$180.00 for property known as Tax Map 0030F C 029.00 in the 11th Civil District; 3) bid of \$70.00 for property known as Tax Map 083O A 008.01 in the 16th Civil District; 4) bid of \$100.00 for property known as Tax Map 025 016.30 in the 19th Civil District; 5) bid of \$110.00 for property known as Tax Map 039N A 040.00 in the 22nd Civil District to Josh Barrett for \$1,355.00 for the parcels 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.

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Item 13
No. 2025-06-13

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 adopted 26th day of June 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jones

Cosponsors: Commissioner Calton

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Sullivan County



AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 6:28 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER IRESON TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 26, 2025.



JOHN GARDNER

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN