

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

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DECEMBER 18, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS COMMISSIONER JOHN GARDNER, CHAIRMAN, AND TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by Commissioner John Gardner, Chairman. Sheriff Jeff Cassidy opened the commission, and Commissioner Ireson gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	DANIEL HORNE
DARLENE CALTON	MARK IRESON
	SAM JONES
MICHAEL COLE	DWIGHT KING
LARRY CRAWFORD	TONY LEONARD
ANDREW CROSS	MICHAEL HUNTER LOCKE
JOYCE CROSSWHITE	JOE MCMURRAY
JOHN GARDNER	JESSICA MEANS
HERSHEL GLOVER	ARCHIE PIERCE
CHERYL HARVEY	GARY STIDHAM
DAVID HAYES	ZANE VANOVER
BARRY HOPPER	TRAVIS WARD

22 PRESENT, 2 ABSENT
ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: AKARD, CARR

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. Crawford, and seconded by Comm. Vanover to approve the minutes of the Rezoning Hearing/Work Session held on October 16, 2025, and November 13, 2025, and the minutes of the Regular Session held on November 20, 2025. Approved 22 Yes, 2 Absent.

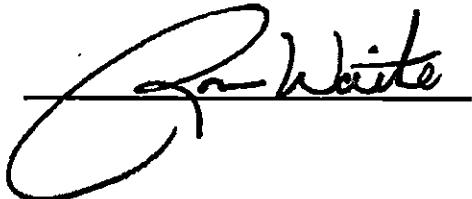
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County of Sullivan, State of Tennessee

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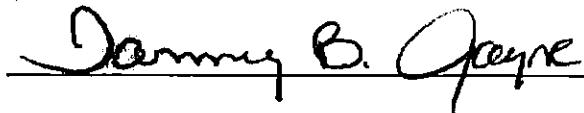
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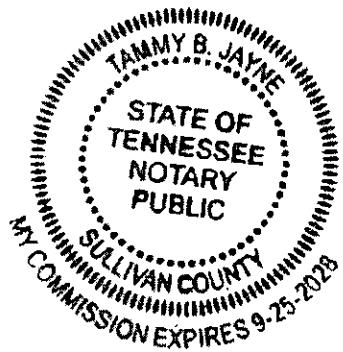


Ron Waite

Signed and sworn to before me
on 12/04/2025



Tammy B. Jayne - Notary Public
My commission expires: September 25, 2028



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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025**

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Notice is hereby given to all members of the Board of County Commissioners, all residents of Sullivan County, Tennessee, and to any and all other persons interested, that two (2) open, public meetings of the Board of County Commission of Sullivan County will be held at the regular meeting place of the Board at the Courthouse in Blountville, Tennessee during the month of December 2025. The monthly Work Session and public hearing/voting on amendments to the Sullivan County Zoning Resolution will commence at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, December 11, 2025, and the monthly Regular Session will commence at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, December 18, 2025. Any person wishing to provide public comment at such meetings shall sign up on the provided signup sheet prior to the start of the meeting.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-44-101 to 8-44-108 inclusive of Tennessee Code Annotated.

Teresa Jacobs
Sullivan County Clerk

PUB1T: 12/4/25

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 18 2025

12/18/2025

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 6:00:25 PM
Voting stop time 6:00:58 PM
Voting configuration Roll Call - Attendances
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Present	22
Total Present	22
Total Seats	28
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	22	0
Total result	22	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	
Hopper, Barry ()	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	
Stidham, Gary ()	X	
Vanover, Zane ()	X	
Ward, Travis ()	X	

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
December 18, 2025
6:00 p.m.

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Chairman John Gardner presiding
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Presentations and appointments.

1) Proclamation: Human Trafficking Awareness Month – Gracie Delaney, community care liaison, Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

- ❖ Approval of Meeting Minutes of: October 16, 2025, Rezoning Hearing and Regular Session Meeting; November 13, 2025, Rezoning Hearing and Work Session; and November 20, 2025, Regular Session 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 on Agenda Items
- ❖ Public Comment on Items not on the agenda
- ❖ Approval of Consent Calendar
- ❖ Old Business/New Business
- ❖ Review and confirm updated committee assignments.
- ❖ Read into the record the 2026-2027 Budget Development Calendar
- ❖ Read into record Mayor's letter dated 12/3/2025 re: Bristol-Bluff City Utility District appointment.
- ❖ Announcement
- ❖ Adjournment

Proclamation

Human Trafficking Awareness Day

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Whereas, human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, provided, purchased, or obtained through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose performing labor or providing services (labor trafficking) or engaging in commercial sex acts (sex trafficking);

Whereas, it is estimated that approximately 27.6 million people are trafficked around the world and as many as 2,100 in East Tennessee alone;

Whereas, human trafficking erodes personal safety, dignity, and liberty as well as the health and safety of communities at large;

Whereas, human trafficking does not discriminate based on age, sex, race, color, or national origin, but is, however, grounded in the inequitable conditions of relationships and society and disproportionately affects vulnerable individuals and marginalized communities;

Whereas, the need is great to remove the veil of secrecy that allows human trafficking to thrive, disrupt the systems it depends upon to flourish, and mobilize community support around survivors of human trafficking and help them as they seek to recover and rebuild their lives;

Whereas, a unified response by allied professionals, law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, victims service providers, healthcare professionals, volunteers, and others is needed to provide safety, justice, and healing to survivors, hold offenders accountable, and promote the welfare of the community;

Whereas, the Tennessee Counter-Trafficking Alliance, through the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking in East Tennessee, exists to educate Tennesseans about the realities and pervasiveness of human trafficking, foster collaborative intervention and prevention efforts, provide comprehensive, trauma-informed aftercare services to survivors, and advocate for more proactive legislation;

Whereas, during Human Trafficking Prevention Month and throughout the year, Sullivan County is provided an opportunity to celebrate the collaboration and work that has been done while rededicating ourselves to all that is still left to do, to reflect upon and honor the resilience, perseverance, and courage of survivors, and to urge everyone to recognize that we all have an active part to play in protecting the most vulnerable in our communities and ensuring survivors receive the care, support, and services they need;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Mayor of Sullivan County, Tennessee, does hereby proclaim the month of January 2026 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month and January 11, 2026, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day, aligning with the State of Tennessee and the rest of the nation in renewing our pledge to remember victims and survivors of human trafficking and in reaffirming our commitment to end their exploitation in communities across Sullivan County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Sullivan County, Tennessee to be affixed in Blountville on this 18th day of December 2025



Richard S. Venable

Richard. S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 18 2025

12/18/2025

91 Approval of Meeting Minutes
Vote

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Description

Approval of Meeting Minutes of: October 16, 2025, Rezoning Hearing and Regular Session Meeting; November 13, 2025, Rezoning Hearing and Work Session; and November 20, 2025, Regular Session Meeting.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time	6:05:11 PM
Voting stop time	6:05:25 PM
Voting configuration	Vote
Voting mode	Open

Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Motion to approve by Comm. Crawford
2nd by Comm. Vanover

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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

SULLIVAN COUNTY CLERK
TERESA JACOBS COUNTY CLERK
3258 HIGHWAY 126 SUITE 101
BLOUNTVILLE TN 37617
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Fax 423-279-2725

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Notaries to be elected December 18, 2025

BECKY G. ADAMS
BROOKALE D. ANDERSON
DANNY A BAINES
TRACY BIRCHFIELD
BRITTANY BRANSON
SYDNEY VERONICA BURCHELL
ANNIE KATE CONKIN
SYLVIA T CROCKETT
AARON JT CROCKETT
LAUREN FISHER
LAURA GILLIAM
BRENDA LOU HALL
ANGELA HATFIELD
JACOB GLEN HURD
TERESA L. JACOBS
ALICIA MORGAN JONES
GREG H. LADY
THOMAS MCGUIRE

JOSEPH JOHN MCKINNEY
ELIZABETH MCNUTT
ELIZABETH MILLER
PATTON D. MOSLEY
TRACY NUNLEY
SAMANTHA MAXWELL PHAN
ROGER ALLEN POE
MANDY POWERS
TERESA ANN STACY-JOLLY
MICHELLE DOMINIC TAYLOR
JAMES E. THOMAS
MARCIA D. VERMILLION
JUDY L. WALTON
BARBARA WILLIAMS
BRIANNA C. WILLIAMS
CAROL YATES

PERSONAL SURETY

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. COLE AND SECONDED BY COMM. CROSS, THE NOTARY
APPLICATIONS HEREON WERE APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. 22 YES,
2 ABSENT

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 18 2025

12/18/2025

6 Approval of Notaries Public
Vote

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Description Approval of Notaries Public
Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time	6:07:18 PM	Motion to approve by Comm. Cole 2 nd by Comm. Cross
Voting stop time	6:07:33 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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

**SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COMMISSION – REGULAR SESSION
NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
December 18, 2025**

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**SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
December 18, 2025**

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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
CONSENT AGENDA
December 18, 2025

Item 5 Resolution 2025-12-02 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: King/Vanover

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$78,530 IN FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) TO THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

Item 6 Resolution 2025-12-03 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE \$25,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE SECOND ROUND OF THE AMERICA 250 GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL.

Item 7 Resolution 2025-12-04 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Locke/King

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$35,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE "ESSENTIAL PURCHASES FOR LICENSED AMBULANCE SERVICES IN TENNESSEE" GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Item 9 Resolution 2025-12-06 (ON CONSENT) (TO BE WITHDRAWN)

Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR \$500,000 IN FUNDING THROUGH THE TENNESSEE RURAL HEALTH UT GRANT TO EXPAND RURAL HEALTH ACCESS THROUGH THE BRISTOL FACILITY RENOVATION PROJECT

Item 10 Resolution 2025-12-07 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Jones/Ward

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD ATLAS.

Item 11 Resolution 2025-12-08 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE GOLD OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER CONTRACT

Item 12 Resolution 2025-12-09 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Cole/Ward

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY26 TRAINING EQUIPMENT GRANT.

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CONSENT AGENDA

December 18, 2025

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Item 13 Resolution 2025-12-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: King/Vanover

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUESTING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$46,093.45 TO THE CURRENT FISCAL
YEAR BUDGET FOR PURCHASE OF A VAN FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY
MAINTENANCE ORIGINALLY APPROPRIATED IN LAST FISCAL YEAR**

Item 15 Resolution 2025-12-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Pierce/Means

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$147,500 FROM THE OPIOID
SETTLEMENT FUND TO SULLIVAN COUNTY RESTORATION.**

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 18 2025

12/18/2025

11 Consent Agenda

Description	Consent Agenda	717
Chairman	Gardner, John	

Total vote result

Voting start time	6:10:45 PM	Motion to approve by Comm. Jones 2 nd by Comm. Calton Comm. Means moved to remove Item #9
Voting stop time	6:11:05 PM	
Voting configuration	Vote	
Voting mode	Open	

Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	0

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	0	0	X
Calton, Darlene ()	X	0	0	0
Carr, Joe ()	0	0	0	X
Cole, Michael ()	X	0	0	0
Crawford, Larry ()	X	0	0	0
Cross, Andrew ()	X	0	0	0
Crosswhite, Joyce ()	X	0	0	0
Gardner, John ()	X	0	0	0
Glover, Hershel ()	X	0	0	0
Harvey, Cheryl ()	X	0	0	0
Hayes, David ()	X	0	0	0
Hopper, Barry ()	X	0	0	0
Horne, Daniel ()	X	0	0	0
Ireson, Mark ()	X	0	0	0
Jones, Sam ()	X	0	0	0
King, Dwight ()	X	0	0	0
Leonard, Tony ()	X	0	0	0
Locke, Hunter ()	X	0	0	0
McMurray, Joe ()	X	0	0	0
Means, Jessica ()	X	0	0	0
Pierce, Archie ()	X	0	0	0
Stidham, Gary ()	X	0	0	0
Vanover, Zane ()	X	0	0	0
Ward, Travis ()	X	0	0	0

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution 2025-11-05 (TO BE WITHDRAWN) **WITHDRAWN**
 Sponsors: Jones/Vanover
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING REALLOCATION WITHIN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE BUDGET

Item 2 Resolution 2025-11-07 **DEFERRED**
 Sponsors: Means/McMurray
A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING RESOLUTION AND/OR SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPOSE A FOUR (4) MONTH MORATORIUM, TO BEGIN UPON PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION, ON THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, PERMITTING, VESTING, ETC., OF DATA MINING CENTERS OR CRYPTO MINING CENTERS WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND TO DIRECT THE STAFF OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING AND CODES DEPARTMENT TO STUDY SUCH LAND USES AND PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS AND/OR CHANGES TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS

Item 3 Resolution 2025-11-08 (SPONSOR SEEKS TO AMEND) **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite
A RESOLUTION PRESERVING DEDICATED SPACE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS WITHIN THE BLOUNTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS

Item 4 Resolution 2025-11-09 **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER TO CONTINUE PROVISION OF JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES AND/OR TEMPORARY HOLDING RESOURCE SERVICES FOR ANY CHILD THE JUVENILE COURT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY HAS ORDERED PLACED INTO CUSTODY OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER.

New Business

Item 5 Resolution 2025-12-02 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: King/Vanover
A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$78,530 IN FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) TO THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

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Item 8 Resolution 2025-12-05 **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite
A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE \$35,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM GRANT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH

Item 9 Resolution 2025-12-06 (ON CONSENT) **WITHDRAWN**
 Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite
A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR \$500,000 IN FUNDING THROUGH THE TENNESSEE RURAL HEALTH UT GRANT TO EXPAND RURAL HEALTH ACCESS THROUGH THE BRISTOL FACILITY RENOVATION PROJECT

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 Sponsors: Jones/Ward
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD ATLAS.

Item 11 Resolution 2025-12-08 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE GOLD OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER CONTRACT

Item 12 Resolution 2025-12-09 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: Cole/Ward
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY26 TRAINING EQUIPMENT GRANT.

Item 13 Resolution 2025-12-10 (ON CONSENT) **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: King/Vanover
A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$46,093.45 TO THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR PURCHASE OF A VAN FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY MAINTENANCE ORIGINALLY APPROPRIATED IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

Item 14 Resolution 2025-12-11 **APPROVED**
 Sponsors: Jones/Calton

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

720

Item 15 Resolution 2025-12-12 (ON CONSENT)

APPROVED

Sponsors: Pierce/Means

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$147,500 FROM THE OPIOID
SETTLEMENT FUND TO SULLIVAN COUNTY RESTORATION.**

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 1
 Resolution No. 2025-11-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING REALLOCATION WITHIN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that certain maintenance personnel positions are no longer necessary, allowing for the liquidation of these positions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education now seeks to use the funds associated with the liquidated positions to increase the third party contract for maintaining the grounds of each facility; 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 Board of Education to recognize the following amendment within the General Purpose School Fund:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
72620-100	Personnel	-230,000.00
72620-200	Employee Benefits	-80,000.00
72620-300	Contracted Services	310,000.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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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 Sam Jones

Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 11/13/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Waiver of Rules at the Regular Session on 11/20/25. 11/20/25 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading. 12/11/25 (Work Session) Sponsor stated intent to withdraw at the regular session on 12/18/25. 12/18/25 (Regular Session) Withdrawn by Sponsor.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 2
Resolution No. 2025-11-07

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

~~A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO PROHIBIT THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OR OPERATION OF DATA MINING CENTERS WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY UNTIL PROPER PLANNING CODES ARE IN PLACE~~

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING RESOLUTION AND/OR SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPOSE A FOUR (4) MONTH MORATORIUM, TO BEGIN UPON PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION, ON THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, PERMITTING, VESTING, ETC., OF DATA MINING CENTERS OR CRYPTO MINING CENTERS WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND TO DIRECT THE STAFF OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING AND CODES DEPARTMENT TO STUDY SUCH LAND USES AND PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS AND/OR CHANGES TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, data mining and cryptocurrency-mining facilities require extraordinary levels of electrical power, often equivalent to the consumption of thousands of homes, placing strain on local utilities ~~and potentially increasing costs to residential ratepayers~~; and

WHEREAS, such facilities generate significant continuous noise from industrial-grade cooling systems, fans, and compressors, which can negatively impact property values, public health, and the peaceful enjoyment of nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, data-mining facilities provide limited job creation, minimal economic impact compared to the infrastructure burden they impose, and do not align with the long-term economic development goals of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, several Tennessee counties and multiple jurisdictions nationwide have restricted or prohibited data-mining operations due to concerns over electrical grid strain, noise nuisances, fire hazards, and the lack of community benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property values of its citizens and to ensure responsible land-use planning that preserves the character of local rural and residential communities; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has received increasing interest from private entities seeking to establish data-mining or crypto-mining operations, making it necessary and appropriate to adopt proactive protections before such facilities attempt to locate within the County.

Item 2
Resolution No. 2025-11-07

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee:

SECTION 1.

Data-mining centers, including but not limited to cryptocurrency-mining operations, blockchain-computing centers, or any facility operating more than 2 megawatts of computing equipment, are hereby prohibited from locating, constructing, or operating in Sullivan County

SECTION 2.

No county permits, zoning approvals, building approvals, utility extensions, or development agreements shall be issued for the purpose of establishing a data-mining center within Sullivan County.

SECTION 3.

This prohibition shall not apply to standard commercial or industrial businesses that use data processing equipment for internal business operations; it applies only to high-intensity, third-party, revenue-generating data-mining or crypto-mining facilities.

SECTION 4.

If any portion of this Resolution is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections shall remain in full force and effect.

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 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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Item 2
Resolution No. 2025-11-07

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joe McMurray; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Joe Carr; Commissioner Darlene Calton.

ACTIONS: 11/20/25 (Regular Session) Amended by Sponsor to strike the entire heading of the resolution and replace with the text shown. Sponsor also amended to strike the sentence "*and potentially increasing costs to residential ratepayers.*" Placed on 1st Reading. 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be considered on 12/18/25.

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Board of County Commissioners
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Item 2
Resolution No. 2025-11-07
AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING RESOLUTION AND SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPOSE A FOUR (4) MONTH MORATORIUM, TO BEGIN UPON PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION, ON THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, PERMITTING, VESTING, ETC., OF DATA MINING CENTERS AND CRYPTO MINING CENTERS WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND TO DIRECT THE STAFF OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING AND CODES DEPARTMENT AND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION TO STUDY SUCH LAND USES AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS AND/OR CHANGES TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, data mining and cryptocurrency-mining facilities and operations require extraordinary levels of electrical power, often equivalent to the consumption of thousands of homes, placing strain on local utilities and potentially increasing costs to residential ratepayers; and

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WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property values of its citizens and to ensure responsible land-use planning that preserves the character of local rural and residential communities; and

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SULLIVAN COUNTY
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245th Annual Session

Item 2
Resolution No. 2025-11-07
AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

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WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property values of its citizens and to ensure responsible land-use planning that preserves the character of local rural and residential communities; and

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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____ following at or about the following time _____ by the following
method: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joe McMurray; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Travis
Ward; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham;
Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Davd Akard;
Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Joe Carr; Commissioner
Darlene Calton, everyone voting in the affirmative.

SUBMITTED BY SPONSOR FOR INCLUSION IN DECEMBER 11, 2025 Work Session to reflect
amendments.

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be considered as amended on 12/18/25. 12/18/25
(Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 3

Resolution No. 2025-11-08

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

A RESOLUTION PRESERVING DEDICATED SPACE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS WITHIN THE BLOUNTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS

WHEREAS, Sullivan County acquired the former Blountville Elementary School Campus for renovation and reuse, creating an opportunity to repurpose the facility for public benefit; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and entrepreneurs represent a vital portion of Sullivan County's economy — with local data showing that nearly 10% of the Sullivan County workforce is engaged in entrepreneurial activity, and the region benefits from access to a labor pool of approximately 270,000 workers (NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership); and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, Sullivan County's median household income is \$56,802, per-capita income is \$34,466, and roughly 12.8% of residents live below the poverty line, demonstrating the importance of supporting small businesses that expand job opportunities and strengthen economic resilience; and

WHEREAS, providing affordable, flexible workspace helps emerging businesses overcome early barriers such as high overhead, lack of professional space, and limited access to shared resources; and

WHEREAS, transforming part of the Blountville Elementary School Campus into a Small Business and Entrepreneur Resource Center would promote job creation, encourage local business growth, support homegrown innovation, and align with Sullivan County's long-term economic objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Commission that:

Sullivan County hereby designates and preserves no less than 100 square feet within the Blountville Elementary School Campus to serve as the small business and entrepreneur space, dedicated to supporting locally owned small businesses, start-ups, sole proprietors, makers, and entrepreneurs.

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 adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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Item 3
Resolution No. 2025-11-08

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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Joe McMurray; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Joe Carr.

**ACTIONS: 11/20/25 (Regular Session) 1st Reading. 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be
considered on 12/18/25.**

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 3

Resolution No. 2025-11-08
AS SPONSOR REQUESTED TO AMEND

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

A RESOLUTION ~~PRESERVING DEDICATED~~ TO RESERVE SPACE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS ~~WITHIN~~ AT THE BLOUNTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS

WHEREAS, Sullivan County acquired the former Blountville Elementary School Campus for renovation and reuse, creating an opportunity to repurpose the facility for public benefit; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and entrepreneurs represent a vital portion of Sullivan County's economy — with local data showing that nearly 10% of the Sullivan County workforce is engaged in entrepreneurial activity, and the region benefits from access to a labor pool of approximately 270,000 workers (NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership); and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, Sullivan County's median household income is \$56,802, per-capita income is \$34,466, and roughly 12.8% of residents live below the poverty line, demonstrating the importance of supporting small businesses that expand job opportunities and strengthen economic resilience; and

WHEREAS, providing affordable, flexible workspace helps emerging businesses overcome early barriers such as high overhead, lack of professional space, and limited access to shared resources; and

WHEREAS, transforming part of the Blountville Elementary School Campus into a Small Business and Entrepreneur Resource Center would promote job creation, encourage local business growth, support homegrown innovation, and align with Sullivan County's long-term economic objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Commission that:

Sullivan County hereby ~~designates and preserves no less than 100 square feet within~~ **will provide space at** the Blountville Elementary School Campus to serve as the small business and entrepreneur space, dedicated to supporting locally owned small businesses, start-ups, sole proprietors, makers, and entrepreneurs.

Further, Sullivan County will work with local non-profit organizations to recruit volunteers to provide mentoring for new businesses.

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.

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Item 3
 Resolution No. 2025-11-08
AS SPONSOR REQUESTS TO AMEND

Duly adopted this 18th day of December 2025.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 22nd day of Dec 2025 at
 or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Lusk
 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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

 Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Joe McMurray; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Joe Carr.

ACTIONS: 11/20/25 (Regular Session) 1st Reading. 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be considered on 12/18/25. 12/18/25 (Reg Session) Approved as amended 20 Yes, 2 No, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 18 2025

12/18/2025

18 Item 3 Resolution No. 2025-11-08 Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite
Vote

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Description

A RESOLUTION PRESERVING DEDICATED SPACE FOR SMALL
BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS WITHIN THE BLOUNTVILLE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time	6:17:10 PM
Voting stop time	6:17:41 PM
Voting configuration	Vote
Voting mode	Open
Vote result	

Yes	20
Abstain	0
No	2
Total Present	22
Absent	2

Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	20	2	0
Total result	20	2	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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

**SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session**

Item 4
Resolution No. 2025-11-09

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER TO CONTINUE PROVISION OF JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES AND/OR TEMPORARY HOLDING RESOURCE SERVICES FOR ANY CHILD THE JUVENILE COURT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY HAS ORDERED PLACED INTO CUSTODY OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

WHEREAS, Sullivan County's agreement with Blount County for housing juveniles is due for renewal; and

WHEREAS, Blount County has provided an agreement which continues the same \$200 per child for each 24-hour period (or part thereof) cost to Sullivan County that Sullivan County already pays and has budgeted for in the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, juvenile detention is a necessary service for Sullivan County, its judicial system and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in Regular Session on November 20, 2025, authorizes Sullivan County Mayor Richard S. Venable to sign the interlocal agreement to continue provision of juvenile detention services as needed.

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 adopted this 18th day of December 2025.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 20th day of Dec 2025 at
or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Resolution No. 2025-11-09**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Venable
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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Zane Vanover

Cosponsors: Joyce Crosswhite; Michael Cole

ACTIONS: 11/20/25 (Regular Session) 1st Reading. 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be considered on
12/18/25. 12/18/25 (Regular Session) Sponsor wished to amend the contract to say that *Sullivan
County will have the right to pay medical expenses only if inmate does not have medical coverage.*
Approved as amended 22 Yes, 2 Absent



**Blount County Sheriff's Office
Juvenile Detention Center**

**329 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804
865-273-5959**

Date: October 8th 2025

To: Tennessee County Agencies / BCSO Per Diem Contract
From: Lt. Sam Hall
Subject: Updated 2025 Blount County Juvenile Detention Center / Housing Agreement

Please review the included Blount County Sheriff's Juvenile Detention Center's updated contractual agreement. After review and signature, please mail the agreement back to:

**Lt. Sam Hall
329 Court Street
Mayville, TN 37804**

Once received, the agreement will be completed and a copy will be mailed back to you for your records.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. 865-273-5976 or email: shall@bcso.com

The updated per diem daily rate will begin, January 1st 2026.

Thank You,

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between BLOUNT COUNTY, Tennessee, a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee, (hereinafter "Blount County") and Sullivan COUNTY, Tennessee, a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee, (hereinafter "Sullivan County").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Blount County may enter into interlocal agreements through the Interlocal Cooperation Act found at Tennessee Code Annotated § 12-9-101 et. seq. and further, Blount County may enter into interlocal cooperation agreement agreements with contiguous counties pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-1-514; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated § 37-1-116, 37, 5-501 and 37-5-510, Blount County operates a juvenile detention center for children (the "Blount County Center"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated § 37-1-116(f), Sullivan County desires to contract with Blount County for placement in the Blount County Center for children under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court of Sullivan County.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. Subject to the availability of space, Blount County shall provide Sullivan County with detention services and/or temporary holding resource services at the Blount County Center in accordance with law for any child the juvenile court of Sullivan County has ordered by placed into custody at the Blount County Center. While at the Blount County Center, any such child will receive food, shelter and such other physical necessities as may be determined by the director of the center and will be permitted to participate in such educational, recreational and other programs as are offered at the center at that time unless the director determines otherwise.

2. Sullivan County shall be responsible for transporting any such child placed into custody at the Blount County Center to and from the center.

3. Sullivan County shall pay Blount County the sum of \$ 200 dollars per child for each twenty-four (24) hour period or part thereof that such child is in custody at the Blount County Center under the terms of this agreement.

4. The director of the Blount County Center may obtain routine and emergency medical and dental care for any such child placed into custody at the center as determined by the

director. Sullivan County shall be responsible for and shall pay for all routine and emergency medical and dental care expenses incurred for the care and treatment of any such child and shall indemnify and hold Blount County harmless therefrom.

5. Blount County shall bill Sullivan County monthly for all charges and expenses owed by Sullivan County for the services rendered at the Blount County Center under the terms of this agreement. Sullivan County shall pay Blount County for such services within thirty (30) days after being billed therefor. Blount County shall have the right to refuse to provide services at the Blount County Center to Sullivan County if Sullivan County fails to pay for such services within thirty (30) days after being billed therefor.

6. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving the other party sixty (60) days written notice thereof, such notice to be sent by first class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the other party's county executive.

7. Both parties to this agreement represent and confirm that they are authorized to enter into this agreement by approval granted by the legislative body of each party and the undersigned representatives have been authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the respective parties.

8. This agreement shall remain in full force and effect until terminated as provided herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed duplicate counterparts of this agreement, each of which may be deemed as an original, as of the _____ day of _____, 20____.

BLOUNT COUNTY, Tennessee

By: _____

Attest: _____
County Clerk

_____ COUNTY, Tennessee

By: _____

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 18 2025

12/18/2025

19 Item 4 Resolution No. 2025-11-09 Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
Vote

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Description

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER TO CONTINUE PROVISION
OF JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES AND/OR TEMPORARY HOLDING
RESOURCE SERVICES FOR ANY CHILD THE JUVENILE COURT OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY HAS ORDERED PLACED INTO CUSTODY OF THE
BLOUNT COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time	6:23:44 PM
Voting stop time	6:23:59 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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 5
Resolution No. 2025-12-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUESTING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$78,530 IN FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK
GRANT (EECBG) TO THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County was awarded funds through the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program for the purpose of enhancing energy efficiency within county-owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, a total of **\$78,530** was allocated during the previous fiscal year for the specific purpose of retrofitting the HVAC system at the **Sullivan County Finance Administrative Building**; and

WHEREAS, due to product unavailability and supply chain delays, the planned retrofit was not completed within the last fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds remain earmarked for their original purpose and must be reappropriated in the current fiscal year to ensure the completion of the energy efficiency retrofit as intended; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Maintenance Department is requesting approval to amend its Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget to reflect the reappropriation of these funds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Sullivan County to complete this HVAC retrofit project in order to reduce energy consumption, improve indoor environmental quality, and fulfill the objectives outlined in the EECBG award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session authorizes amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 County Buildings Fund budget by \$78,530 to reappropriate the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to be used to purchase HVAC equipment. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department. The unexpended balance of \$78,530 in EECBG funds originally budgeted in the prior fiscal year be reappropriated to the current fiscal year budget for the completion of the HVAC system retrofit at the Finance Administrative Building.

1. The Sullivan County Maintenance Department is authorized to amend its Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget to reflect this reappropriation accordingly.
2. The Sullivan County Mayor, Budget Office, and Finance Department are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to reflect this reappropriation in the official accounting records of the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and the U.S. Department of Energy as appropriate to ensure continued compliance with all grant terms and conditions.

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 adopted this 18th day of December, 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.
ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 20th day of
Dec 2025 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following
method: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venable
Richard S. Venable, Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Dwight King

Cosponsor: Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular meeting on 12/18/25.
12/18/25 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 6
Resolution No. 2025-12-03

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE \$25,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE SECOND ROUND OF THE AMERICA 250 GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial has announced the second round of America 250 Grant funding to support statewide and local efforts commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the America 250 Grant provides reimbursable, non-matching funding to assist communities in planning activities, events, and educational programs that honor the nation's heritage; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County seeks to apply for and secure \$25,000 in grant funding through this second-round opportunity to develop meaningful, community-focused celebrations recognizing America's 250th birthday in 2026; and

WHEREAS, proposed activities include theming the annual 4th of July Parade, creating a community-oriented Fall Festival designed to boost local business engagement, celebrate Sullivan County's role in the nation's founding, and provide family-friendly activities in the Historic Blountville area; and

WHEREAS, additional plans include hosting a history lecturer or educational program highlighting Sullivan County's contributions to early American history, thereby enhancing public understanding and civic pride; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives reflect the County's commitment to preserving and promoting its historical significance while encouraging community participation and economic vitality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION, meeting in regular session, that Sullivan County is hereby authorized to apply for, accept if awarded, and appropriate \$25,000 in funding from the Second Round of the America 250 Grant administered by the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute all necessary applications, agreements, and supporting documents for the administration of this grant and to fulfill all associated reporting and compliance obligations; and

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage; the public welfare requiring it.

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Item 6
Resolution No. 2025-12-03

Duly adopted this 18th day of December 2025.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 22nd day of Dec 2025 at or about
the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Robert S. Vanover
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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

**Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner
Darlene Calton; and Commissioner Michael Cole**

**ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular meeting on 12/18/25.
12/18/25 Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent**

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Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 7
Resolution No. 2025-12-04

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR,
ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$35,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE
“ESSENTIAL PURCHASES FOR LICENSED AMBULANCE SERVICES IN
TENNESSEE” GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee Department of Health has issued the *Essential Purchases for Licensed Ambulance Services in Tennessee* Grant to support necessary equipment and operational needs for licensed EMS agencies; and

WHEREAS, this grant provides up to \$35,000 in *reimbursable, non-matching* funds; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Emergency Medical Services has identified an immediate and critical need to purchase mechanical CPR devices to enhance cardiac resuscitation efforts, improve patient outcomes, and increase responder safety during emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity allows Sullivan County EMS to acquire such lifesaving equipment without requiring local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Sullivan County to pursue all available grant funding opportunities that improve emergency medical response capabilities, reduce local financial burden, and support the health and safety of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION, meeting in regular session, that the Commission hereby authorizes Sullivan County to apply for, accept if awarded, and appropriate up to \$35,000 from the Essential Purchases for Licensed Ambulance Services in Tennessee Grant, for the purpose of purchasing mechanical CPR devices for Sullivan County EMS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute all necessary applications, agreements, documents, and certifications required to administer the grant and to fulfill all obligations related thereto.

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this 18th day of December 2025.

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Item 7

Resolution No. 2025-12-04

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST:

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County ClerkDelivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 22nd day of Dec 2025 at
or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand deliveredTeresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Uenahke
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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Hunter Locke**Cosponsors: Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Hersel Glover.**ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular meeting on 12/18/25.
12/18/25 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 8
Resolution No. 2025-12-05

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE \$35,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM GRANT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration has made available the Fiscal Year 2024 State and Local Cybersecurity Program Grant to assist local governments in improving cybersecurity posture, increasing network resilience, and upgrading critical technology infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is eligible to apply for \$35,000 in reimbursable funding through this program; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires a 30% local match, and Sullivan County acknowledges and commits to providing the required \$10,500 in matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds, combined with the local match, will be used to purchase a new host server for the Blountville Health Department and to upgrade operating systems necessary to strengthen security, reduce hardware vulnerabilities, and ensure continuity of public health operations; and

WHEREAS, these technology improvements are essential to safeguarding county data, modernizing infrastructure, and meeting state and federal cybersecurity compliance expectations; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County recognizes the importance of pursuing all available funding opportunities that enhance public services, protect critical information, and reduce the financial burden on local taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION, meeting in regular session, that Sullivan County is hereby authorized to apply for, accept if awarded, and appropriate \$35,000 in funding from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration through the Fiscal Year 2024 State and Local Cybersecurity Program Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Commission commits to providing the required 30% match in the amount of \$10,500, to be allocated for the purposes outlined herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute all necessary applications, agreements, documents, and certifications required to administer the grant and meet all reporting and compliance obligations; and

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Item 8
Resolution No. 2025-12-05

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 adopted this 18th day of December 2025.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 22nd day of Dec 2025 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed & ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venable
Richard S. Venable, 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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 12/18/25. 12/18/25 Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 18 2025

12/18/2025

23 Item 8 Resolution No. 2025-12-05 Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite
Vote

Description

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A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE \$35,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM GRANT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time	6:26:51 PM
Voting stop time	6:27:05 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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 9
Resolution No. 2025-12-06

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR \$500,000 IN FUNDING THROUGH THE TENNESSEE RURAL HEALTH UT GRANT TO EXPAND RURAL HEALTH ACCESS THROUGH THE BRISTOL FACILITY RENOVATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Rural Health UT Grant Program provides reimbursable, non-matching funding to strengthen rural health care delivery, expand access to essential services, and support public health initiatives in underserved Tennessee communities; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County, in partnership with the Sullivan County Regional Health Department (SCRHD), seeks to apply for \$500,000 in funding to support the renovation of a Bristol facility to expand rural health access and establish a fully operational public health site; and

WHEREAS, the project's goals include:

- Renovating and opening a fully functioning public health facility within 12 months;
- Providing core public health services to at least 1,500 Bristol-area residents within the first year;
- Increasing preventive screenings and immunization rates by 20% in targeted rural ZIP codes within two years;
- Strengthening coordination between SCRHD, in-patient and out-patient hospital facilities and local partnering organizations to bolster community preparedness and outreach; and

WHEREAS, this grant opportunity will advance Sullivan County's efforts to improve rural health outcomes and expand access to essential services, with no local match required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION, meeting in regular session, that Sullivan County is hereby authorized to apply for \$500,000 in funding through the Tennessee Rural Health UT Grant to support the Bristol Facility Renovation Project and the expansion of rural health access; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute all necessary applications and related documents required for submission of the grant application.

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 adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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Item 9
Resolution No. 2025-12-06

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 & 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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular meeting on 12/18/25.
12/18/25 (Regular Session) Withdrawn by Sponsor

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 10
 Resolution No. 2025-12-07

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD ATLAS.

WHEREAS, annually the Sullivan County Highway Department reviews and updates a listing of County Roads as required by Tennessee law; and

WHEREAS, these revisions are necessary to bring the official Sullivan County Road Atlas up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, a summary of the revisions are attached hereto to be effective January 1, 2026. No new roads are being added to the atlas this year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners meeting in Regular Session that they hereby authorize the adoption of the Sullivan County Road Atlas effective January 1, 2026. The Sullivan County Road Atlas in its entirety is available in the Office of the Sullivan County Highway Department for review.

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 adopted this 18th day of December 2025.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 22nd day of Dec 2025 at
 or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Item 10
 Resolution No. 2025-12-07

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed & ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venable

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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Sam Jones

Cosponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular meeting on 12/18/25.
12/18/25 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Effective
January 1, 2026

ATLAS REVISIONS FOR 2026

DATE	SUBDIVISION AND ROAD	C.D.	TAXMAP	LENGTH	ROW.	CLASS	P.D. & P.R.	Costly Value
Additions								
	total gained from additions			0.00				0.00
Deletions								
Changes								
name change	NONE							
	total removed from changes/deletions			0.00				
	total gain from additions			0.00				
	TOTAL MILEAGE gained			0.00				
	atlas for January 2022 total mileage 853.24							
	atlas for January 2023 total mileage 852.79							
	atlas for January 2024 total mileage 853.57							
	atlas for January 2025 total mileage 853.57							
	atlas for January 2026 total mileage 853.57							

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
 Resolution No. 2025-12-08

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE GOLD OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has entered into a grant contract with East Tennessee State University for the provision of an employer incentive program that allows employers to offer quality, paid internship experiences for ETSU students with the promise of being reimbursed for the wages provided to the student; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is intended to fully fund stipends to students who meet required qualifications and are student teaching within Sullivan County Schools up to \$2,250.00 per student; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Sullivan County Department of Education to officially recognize, accept, and utilize these funds in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the grant contract;

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 amount of \$4,500.00. The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
48130	Contributions	4,500.00
71100-189	Other Salaries & Wages	4,500.00

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 RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this 18th day of December 2025.

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2025-12-08

Reviewed by Chairman: John T. Gardner

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of Dec 2025 at
or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed & ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard D. Denable

Richard D. Denable
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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular meeting on 12/18/25.
12/18/25 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
 Resolution No. 2025-11-09

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY26 TRAINING EQUIPMENT GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has a need for updated/new equipment to aid in the training of correctional staff; and

WHEREAS, the FY 26 Training Equipment Grant amount is \$13,740.00 with no matching funds required to be used to procure, install, and utilize new training equipment that assists in the successful execution and facilitation of correctional staff training; 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 execute the FY 2026 Training Equipment Grant application in the amount of \$13,740.00 and approve the funds to be used as required for law enforcement purposes by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. Revenue, Expenditure, Object, and Program codes for the FY 26 Training Equipment Grant will be assigned by Accounts and Budgets.

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 18th day of December 2025.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 2nd day of Dec 2025 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

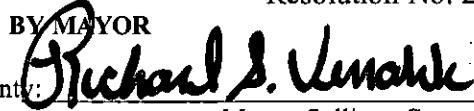
Teresa Jacobs Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2025-11-09

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:



Richard J. Venak
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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Teresa Jacobs
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Michael Cole

Cosponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular meeting on 12/18/25.
12/18/25 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 13
Resolution No. 2025-12-10

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUESTING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$46,093.45 TO THE CURRENT FISCAL
YEAR BUDGET FOR PURCHASE OF A VAN FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY
MAINTENANCE ORIGINALLY APPROPRIATED IN LAST FISCAL YEAR**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County's FY 2024-2025 budget included an appropriation of \$46,093.45 for purchase of an outfitted van to be used by the Sullivan County Maintenance Department, an order for which was placed through a state contract agreement; and

WHEREAS, production delays by the manufacturer (GM) caused delivery of the vehicle to be postponed and pushed into the future throughout FY 2024-2025 and the purchase could not be completed by fiscal year's end; and

WHEREAS, due to product unavailability and supply chain delays, the planned retrofit was not completed within the last fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the county found this unacceptable to meet the needs of the county and subsequent to the beginning of the current fiscal year Sullivan County Purchasing was able to locate the same van through a separate bid and with a local company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session authorizes amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to recognize reappropriation of \$46,093.45 from Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for purchase of a van outfitted for use by the Sullivan County Maintenance Department. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department.

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.

Adopted this 18th day of December, 2025.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 20th day of Dec 2025 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following method: Hand delivered

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

Item 13
Resolution No. 2025-12-10

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: *Richard S. Venables*
Richard S. Venables
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular meeting on 12/18/25.
12/18/25 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

**SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 14
Resolution No. 2025-12-11

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 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 \$ 8,679.02 for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$360.00 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 1) a bid of \$50.00 for the property known as Holiday Hills Road Tax Map 048P/A/004.00 in the 7th Civil District; 2) a bid of \$50.00 for the property known as Riddle Street Tax Map 030F/A/003.00 in the 11th Civil District; 4) a bid of \$180.00 for the property known as Cedar Tree Tax Map 097K/B/020.00 in the 16th Civil District; 5) a bid of \$80.00 for the property known as Gifford Drive Tax Map 053E/B/006.10; to Josh Barrett 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.

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

Duly adopted 18th day of December 2025.

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2025-12-11

Reviewed by Chairman: John S. Gardner
John S. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 22nd day of
Dec, 2025 at or about the following time 9:30 am by the following
method: Hand delivered
Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard D. Venable
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 Sam Jones
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 12/18/25.
12/18/25 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 18 2025

12/18/2025

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Vote

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Description RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES
Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:29:02 PM
Voting stop time 6:29:24 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	22
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	22
Absent	0

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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 15
 Resolution No. 2025-12-12

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$147,500 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO SULLIVAN COUNTY RESTORATION.

Whereas, Sullivan County's Opioid Advisory Committee received and reviewed a funding request from Sullivan County Restoration seeking \$147,500 to fund a full-time case manager and direct participant support for justice-involved individuals in the Sullivan County Recovery Court; and

Whereas, the committee voted to recommend approval of Sullivan County Recovery Court's request by the full Sullivan County Commission.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, approves appropriation of \$147,500 from the county's Opioid Settlement Fund account to Sullivan County Restoration to fund a full-time case manager and direct participant support for justice-involved individuals in the Sullivan County Felony Recovery Court.

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.

Adopted this 18th day of December, 2025.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 22nd day of Dec 2025 at or about the following time 4:30 am by the following method:
Teresa Jacobs

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venable
 Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Venable
 Mayor, Sullivan County

Item 15
Resolution No. 2025-12-12

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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Archie Pierce

Cosponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular meeting on 12/18/25.
12/18/25 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 22 Yes, 2 Absent

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners Committee Assignments

FY 2025-2026

Administrative	Budget	Executive
Hershel Glover Hunter Locke Tony Leonard Joe McMurray Jessica Means David Hayes Joe Carr Cheryl Harvey <i>Address Utility Issues</i>	Richard Venable David Akard Darlene Calton Joyce Crosswhite John Gardner Sam Jones Mark Ireson Zane Vanover Dwight King <i>Serves As Delinquent Tax & Title VI Cmte</i>	Michael Cole Larry Crawford Andrew Cross Daniel Horne Travis Ward Gary Stidham Archie Pierce Barry Hopper <i>Oversees Youth Home</i>
Building Committee Hershel Glover Dwight King Jessica Means Cheryl Harvey Joyce Crosswhite Sam Jones Joe Carr Mark Ireson Travis Ward	Beverage Board Darlene Calton Michael Cole Sam Jones Tony Leonard Archie Pierce Barry Hopper <i>Serves As Adult-Oriented Est. Board</i>	Insurance Committee David Akard Gary Stidham John Gardner Sam Jones Joe Carr Jessica Means David Hayes Daniel Horne <i>Larry Bailey, Ex Officio</i>
Agriculture Extension Committee Hershel Glover, Dwight King Zane Vanover	Historic Preservation Advisory Committee Tony Galloway, County Historian Betsy Carrier, Citizen Jim Hager, Citizen Richard Venable, County Mayor Angela Crane, Marketing Associate Matthew Johnson, Archivist Andrew Cross Joyce Crosswhite Jessica Means	Ethics Committee Jason Booher, Administrator of Elections Angela Taylor, Trustee Bobby Russell, Circuit Court Clerk Barry Hopper, John Gardner Archie Pierce, David Akard Bays Mountain Park Committee Archie Pierce
Observation Knob Park Committee David Akard Darlene Calton Sam Jones Andrew Cross Tony Leonard, David Hayes		Opioid Advisory Committee Jessica Means, Archie Pierce, Joyce Crosswhite Darlene Calton, Larry Crawford, Joe Carr, Sheriff Cassidy Travis Ward, Richard Venable, County Mayor, Judge Jim Goodwin
Integrated Emergency Preparedness Jim Bean, EMA Director Hunter Locke Travis Ward Daniel Horne	Liaison to City Governments Bluff City Hershel Glover Dwight King Bristol David Akard Cheryl Harvey Barry Hopper Kingsport Larry Crawford Hunter Locke Gary Stidham	Sullivan County Library Board Sam Jones
Audit Committee Joe McMurray John Gardner Dwight King		Public Records Commission Katie Preister, Chancellor Richard Venable, County Mayor Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk Sheena Tinsley, Register of Deeds Betsy Carrier, Citizen Joyce Crosswhite
Financial Management Committee Jessica Means, Travis Ward Hershel Glover Zane Vanover Richard Venable, County Mayor Larry Bailey, Finance Director Scott Murray, Commissioner of Highways Chuck Carter, Director of Schools	Historic Zoning Commission Michael Cole	Matthew Johnson, Archivist Tony Galloway, Historian
Education Committee Zane Vanover Larry Crawford Gary Stidham Cheryl Harvey, Joyce Crosswhite Mark Ireson, Sam Jones Chuck Carter & Larry Bailey <i>Ex Officio</i>	Planning Commission Darlene Calton	Corrections Transition Committee (Ad Hoc) Wally Boyd, Sam Jones, Cheryl Harvey Zane Vanover Darlene Calton Dwight King Joe McMurray Gary Stidham Larry Bailey, Sheriff Cassidy, Lee Carswell
	Pre-Hospital Care Committee Gary Mayes, Jerry DeBerry, Jim Bean, Jim Carter, Mickey Spivey, John Crawford	Updated December 2025

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Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 18 2025

12/18/2025

41 Review and Confirm Committee Assignments
Vote

Description Review and Confirm Committee Assignments 766
Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result:

Voting start time 6:32:49 PM
Voting stop time 6:33:12 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	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			
Hopper, Barry ()	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			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Office of the County Mayor



Richard S. Venable
County Mayor

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December 3, 2025

The Seeley Law Firm
2300 Knob Creek Road
Johnson City TN 37602

RE: Jerry Buchanan-Bristol-Bluff City Utility District

Dear Mr. Seeley,

On November 5, 2025, I received the Certifications of Nominees for Appointment of Utility District Commissioner from the Bristol-Bluff City Utility District Board, nominating Jerry Buchanan as the first choice.

In compliance with Tennessee Code, I will neither appoint nor reject the nominations within the 21-day period. Therefore, in accordance with statute, the first individual named on the certification will fill the vacancy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard S. Venable". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Richard" and "S." being more stylized and "Venable" being more clearly legible.

Richard S. Venable
Sullivan County Mayor

SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE
2026-2027 BUDGET CALENDAR

County			
Date	Budget Cycle Phase	Responsible Party	Procedure
January	Preparation	Finance Director	Budget packets are developed by Finance staff and delivered to all departments.
By March 15th	Preparation	Departments	Department, except for the School Department, return completed budget requests to Finance staff
By April 1st	Preparation	Admin. and Exec. Committees	Start Date for Executive & Administrative Committees Hearings
By April 15th	Preparation	Admin. and Exec. Committees	End Date for Executive and Administrative Committee Hearings
Immediately After Prior	Preparation	Budget Committee	Budget Committee Hearings Begin
April 30th	Preparation	Departments	Final Date for Late Revisions to Department Budget Requests
May 21, 2026	Adoption	County Commission	Budget Committee Recommendation Submitted for 1st Reading
June 18, 2026	Adoption	County Commission	Commission Considers Budget on 2nd Reading for Final Approval
By June 30th	Execution	Finance Director	Finance Dept. Wraps-up Budget Document to Forward to Comptroller's Office

Board of Education	
By April 15th	Preliminary Local Revenue Estimates Provided to Board of Education
By May 6th	Board of Education Submits Proposed Budget to Finance Director
By May 15th	Budget Committee Completes Review of BOE Request

NOTES:

1. Tennessee Code Annotated requires the County to complete passage of the Budget by June 30th for the new fiscal year.
2. All budget request must be filed on the forms provided by the Finance Office including any late changes by the requesters.
3. This time line for the School budget is dependent upon ADA figures provided by the State Department of Education.

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MOTION ON FLOOR

MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

At the conclusion of the meeting, a motion was made to close county offices all day on Christmas Eve for this year only. Christmas Eve falls on Wednesday, December 24, 2025. All voting in the affirmative will be added as cosponsors.

INTRODUCED BY: COMMISSIONER HERSHEL GLOVER

**SECONDED BY: COMMISSIONER JOYCE CROSSWHITE AND
COMMISSIONER DWIGHT KING**

**ACTION: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
21 YES, 1 ABSTAIN FOR CAUSE, 2 ABSENT**

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Motion was made by Commissioner Hershel Glover to close county offices all day on Christmas Eve for this year only.
 2nd by Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite and Commissioner Dwight King

ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	PASS
X	AKARD	X		
	CALTON	X		
X	CARR			
	COLE	X		
	CRAWFORD	X		
	CROSS	X		
	CROSSWHITE	X		
	GARDNER	X		
	GLOVER	X		
	HARVEY	X		
	HAYES	X		
	HOPPER	X		
	HORNE	X		
	IRESON	X		
	JONES	X		
	KING	X		
	LEONARD	X		
	LOCKE		X	For Cause
	MCMURRAY	X		
	MEANS	X		
	PIERCE	X		
	STIDHAM	X		
	VANOVER	X		
	WARD	X		

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ABSENT

21

YES

1

ABSTAIN

PASS

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AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CALTON TO MEET AGAIN IN WORK SESSION ON JANUARY 8, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "John T. Gardner".

JOHN T. GARDNER

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN