

# COUNTY COMMISSION-WORK SESSION

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**DECEMBER 11, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN MONTHLY WORK SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS CHAIRMAN JOHN GARDNER AND TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

**The Commission was called to order by Chairman John Gardner. Corporal Dustin Joyner opened the commission, and Commissioner Vanover gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Commissioner Sam Jones.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<b>DAVID AKARD</b>	<b>DANIEL HORNE</b>
<b>DARLENE CALTON</b>	<b>MARK IRESON</b>
	<b>SAM JONES</b>
<b>MICHAEL COLE</b>	<b>DWIGHT KING</b>
	<b>HUNTER LOCKE</b>
<b>JOYCE CROSSWHITE</b>	
<b>JOHN GARDNER</b>	<b>JESSICA MEANS</b>
<b>HERSHEL GLOVER</b>	<b>ARCHIE PIERCE</b>
<b>CHERYL HARVEY</b>	<b>GARY STIDHAM</b>
<b>DAVID HAYES</b>	<b>ZANE VANOVER</b>
<b>DR. BARRY HOPPER</b>	<b>TRAVIS WARD</b>

19 PRESENT, 5 ABSENT  
ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: CARR, CRAWFORD, CROSS,  
LEONARD, MCMURRAY

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

## Affidavit of Publication

### TIMES NEWS

701 Lynn Garden Drive • Kingsport  
County of Sullivan, State of Tennessee

I, Ron Waite, being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and state that I am the publisher of the Times News, a daily newspaper published in the City of Kingsport, County of Sullivan, in the State of Tennessee. This Legal Notice contains a true and correct copy of what was published in the regular edition of said newspaper, in consecutive issues on the following dates:

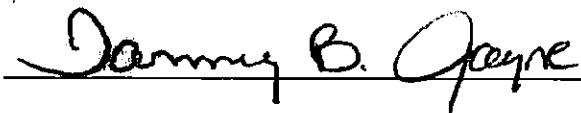
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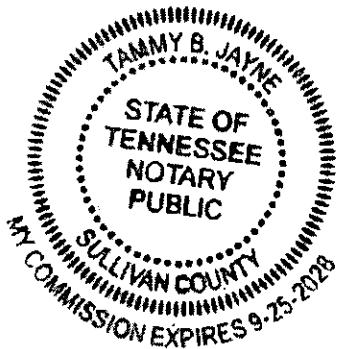


Ron Waite

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

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

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# Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

**Sullivan County Commission December 11 2025**

12/11/2025

4 Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk  
Roll Call

624

**Description** Roll Call

**Chairman** Gardner, John

**Total vote result**

Voting start time	6:37:13 PM
Voting stop time	6:37:57 PM
Voting configuration	Roll Call - Attendances
Voting mode	Open

**Vote result**

Present	19
Total Present	19
Total Seats	28
Absent	5

**Group voting result**

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

**Individual voting result**

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

SULLIVAN COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners  
Order of Business  
December 11, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

**COUNTY COMMISSION REZONING HEARING & WORK SESSION**

- ❖ 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

**Rezoning Hearing**

Item 1 Resolution No. 2025-12-01

Sponsors: Calton/Hayes

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

Case 1) Kenneth Jones, 369 Ethel Beard Rd., A-1 to R-2, to align the property with current use, allow for a 20,000 square foot lot size, for a single wide and to be built on with septic. 4<sup>th</sup> Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #1/Jones

Vote on Case #1/Jones

Case 2) Ronald Jason Mitchem, 3938 East Stone Dr., A-1 to B-4, for the purpose of automotive parking. 6<sup>th</sup> Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #2/Mitchem

Vote on Case #2/Mitchem

Sullivan County  
Board of County Commissioners  
245th Annual Session  
Rezoning Hearing

Item 1  
Resolution No. 2025-12-01

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

Duly passed and approved this 11th day of December 2025.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk, Sullivan County

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

Teresa Jacobs  
County Clerk, Sullivan County

**CONTINUED**

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
method:  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

**Introduced by: Commissioner Darlene Calton**

**Seconded by: Commissioner David Hayes**

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) Approved 19 Yes, 5 Absent

## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 11 2025

12/11/2025

91 Item 1 Resolution No. 2025-12-01 Sponsors: Calton/Hayes  
Vote

628

Description

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

Chairman

Gardner, John

### Total vote result

Voting start time	6:38:26 PM
Voting stop time	6:38:50 PM
Voting configuration	Vote
Voting mode	Open
Vote result	

Yes	19
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	19
Absent	5

### Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	19	0
Total result	19	0

### Individual voting result

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

# Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 11 2025

12/11/2025

6 Case 1  
Vote

629

**Description**

Case 1) Kenneth Jones, 369 Ethel Beard Rd., A-1 to R-2, to align the property with current use, allow for a 20,000 square foot lot size, for a single wide and to be built on with septic. 4th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #1/Jones

Chairman

Gardner, John

**Total vote result**

Voting start time	6:40:08 PM
Voting stop time	6:40:33 PM
Voting configuration	Vote
Voting mode	Open
<b>Vote result</b>	

Yes	19
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	19
Absent	5

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	19	0
Total result	19	5

**Individual voting result**

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

# Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 11 2025

12/11/2025

7 Case 2  
Vote

630

**Description**

Case 2) Ronald Jason Mitchem, 3938 East Stone Dr., A-1 to B-4, for the purpose of automotive parking. 6th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #2/Mitchem

**Chairman**

Gardner, John

**Total vote result**

Voting start time	6:58:44 PM
Voting stop time	6:59:19 PM
Voting configuration	Vote
Voting mode	Open
<b>Vote result</b>	

Yes	18
Abstain	0
No	1
Total Present	19
Absent	5

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	18	1	0
Total result	18	1	0/5

**Individual voting result**

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

## Zoning Plan: Rezoning Requests and/or Zoning Text Amendments

**SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING MEETING**

December 11, 2025 - Work Session

**RESOLUTION #1 - To Consider the following zoning amendments (map or text) as reviewed by the Regional Planning Commission.**

Motion by: Calton Seconded by: Hayes

Order of Cases	Date of Application	Applicant's Name	Neighbor Opposition	Staff's Recommendation	Planning Commission's Recommendation	Regional Planning Commission Jurisdiction	Current Zoning District	Requested Zoning District	Civil District	Commissioner District
1	9/23/2025	Kenneth Jones	No	Yes	Yes	Sullivan	A-1	R-2	8	4
2	10/13/2025	Ronald Jason Mitchom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Kingsport	A-1	E-4	10	6

**Voting Summary:**

Name	Case	Yes	No	Pass / Absain	Absent	Pass (Yes or No)
Kenneth Jones	1	19			5	
Ronald Jason Mitchom	2	18	1		5	

**Footnote:**

- ZTA : Zoning Text Amendment - Rec: Recommendation

\* Completed Application is when all information is signed, fee has been paid and no outstanding documents needed. Date of Application is when the applicant initially files.

PETITION TO SULLIVAN COUNTY FOR REZONING

A request for rezoning is made by the person named below; said request to go before the ~~Sullivan County~~ Regional Planning Commission for recommendation to the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners.

Date: 9-23-2025

Property Owner: Kenneth Jones  
 Address: 369 Ethel Beard Rd 37617  
 Phone number: 423-302-7530 Email:

Property Identification

Tax Map: 081 H Group: A Parcel: 002-00  
 Zoning Map: 17 Zoning District: A-1 Proposed District: R-2 Civil District: 08  
 Property Location: 369 Ethel Beard Rd 37617 Commission District: 4

Purpose of Rezoning: Rezone to R-2 to allow for 20,000 SF+ lot size and a single wide. So that rear property can be built on w/Septic.

Meetings

Planning Commission: Sullivan County Planning Commission  
 Place: Historic Courthouse 2nd Floor Commission Chambers 3411 Hwy 126  
 Blountville, TN  
 Date: November 18 2025 Time: 6:00 PM

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

County Commission:

Place: Historic Courthouse 2nd Floor Commission Chambers 3411 Highway 126, Blountville TN

Date: December 11 2025 Time: 6:00 PM

✓ Approved 19 yes, 5 Absent  
 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

PD CASH

#41076

DEED RESTRICTIONS

I understand that rezoning does not release my property from the requirements of private deed/Subdivision restrictions. The undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby acknowledges that the information provided in this petition to Sullivan County for Rezoning is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Owner's Signature: Kenneth Jones

Notary Public: Susan J. Kennedy Commission Expires: 2-21-2029



# Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 11 2025

12/11/2025

6 Case 1  
Vote

633

**Description**

Case 1) Kenneth Jones, 369 Ethel Beard Rd., A-1 to R-2, to align the property with current use, allow for a 20,000 square foot lot size, for a single wide and to be built on with septic. 4th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #1/Jones

**Chairman**

Gardner, John

**Total vote result**

Voting start time	6:40:08 PM
Voting stop time	6:40:33 PM
Voting configuration	Vote
Voting mode	Open
<b>Vote result</b>	

Yes	19
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	19
Absent	5

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	19	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>

**Individual voting result**

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

# Case #1

## **A-1 to R-2**

**General Agricultural/Estate Residential District to Medium Density Residential District for the purpose of aligning the property with its current use and allowing for a 20,000 square foot lot size**

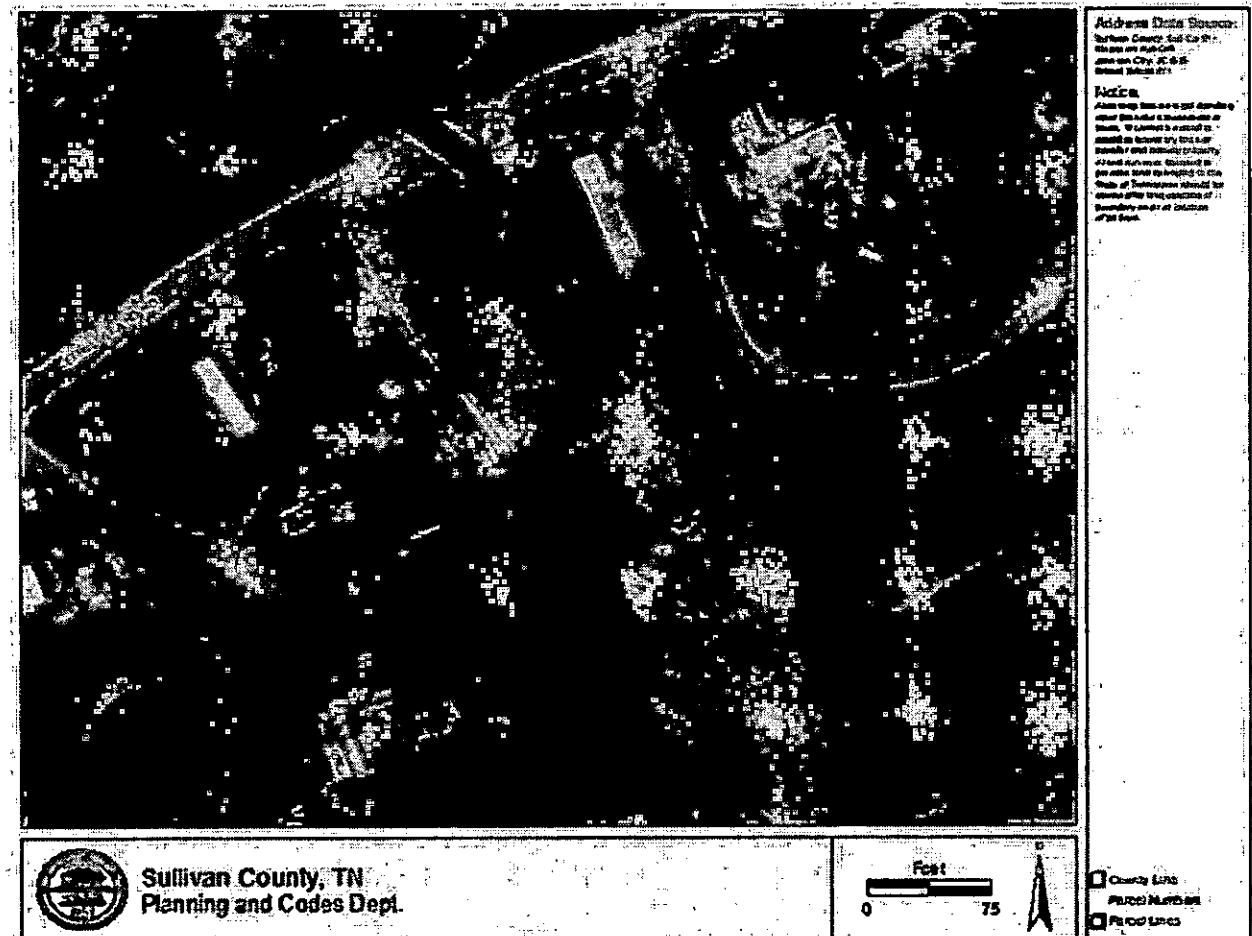
**Tax Map 081H, Group A, Parcel 002.00**

for Kenneth Jones

**Sullivan County Planning Commission  
voted to send a favorable recommendation  
to the County Commission**

**369 Ethel Beard Rd, Blountville, TN 37660**

**Civil District 8th  
Commission District 4th  
(Cole, Crosswhite, Leonard)**



FINDINGS OF FACT -

Landowner: Kenneth Jones  
Applicants: Same  
Representative: Same  
Location: 369 Ethel Beard Rd, Blountville, TN 37617  
Mailing Address of Owners: Same  
Civil district: 08  
Parcel ID: Tax Map 081H, Group A, Parcel 002.00  
Subdivision of Record: N/A  
PC1101 Growth Boundary: Sullivan County Rural Areas  
Airport Overlay Zone: Yes  
Existing Land Use of Lot: Residential (Singlewide)  
Utility District: N/A  
Public Sewer: No  
Flood Plain: No  
Existing Zoning: A-1  
Surrounding Zoning: A-1  
Surrounding Land Uses: Residential/AG  
2006 Land Use Plan: AG/ Open Space  
Lot/Tract Acreage: ~0.89 Acres

Staff Field Notes and Findings of Facts:

- The applicant has requested rezoning from A-1 to R-2 in order to match the existing land use of the property and allow him to go down to a 20,000 sq ft lot size in order to combine the remaining portion of the property into his abutting property for a septic system.
- Staff visited the property to inspect and take pictures.
- The lots are grandfathered in and already non-conformant with current zoning regulations by being undersized.
- The property already has a singlewide and the R-2 zone would match the current land use.
- There are other R-2 zonings in the area on Big Hollow approximately 0.3 Miles away.
- Staff recommends in favor of the requested rezoning as it does not interfere with the character of the neighborhood and is already being utilized for the purpose of the requested rezoning.

Meeting Notes at Planning Commission:

Tennessee Property Assessment Data - Parcel Details Report - <https://assessment.tn.gov/>

Sullivan (082)	Jan 1 Owner	Current Owner	ETHEL BEARD RD 369								
Tax Year 2025   Reappraisal 2025	JONES RANDALL WARREN & CATHY SUE C/O LORETTA BENNETT 369 ETHEL BEARD RD BLOUNTVILLE TN 37617						Ctrl Map:	Group:	Parcel:	Pl:	St:

081H A 002.00 T 001

**Value Information**

Land Market Value: \$0  
Improvement Value: \$15,700  
Total Market Appraisal: \$15,700  
Assessment Percentage: 25%  
Assessment: \$3,925

**Additional Information**

**General Information**

Class: 00 - Residential  
City #:  
Special Service District 1: 000  
District: 08  
Number of Buildings: 0  
Utilities - Water/Sewer: 03 - PUBLIC / INDIVIDUAL  
Utilities - Gas/Gas Type: 00 - NONE

City:  
Special Service District 2: 000  
Neighborhood: V01  
Number of Mobile Homes: 0  
Utilities - Electricity: 01 - PUBLIC  
Zoning:

**Outbuildings & Yard Items**

Building #	Type	Description	Area/Units
1	MH1 - MOBILE HOME CLASS 1	14X73	1,022
1	HAC - HEATING AND COOLING		1,022

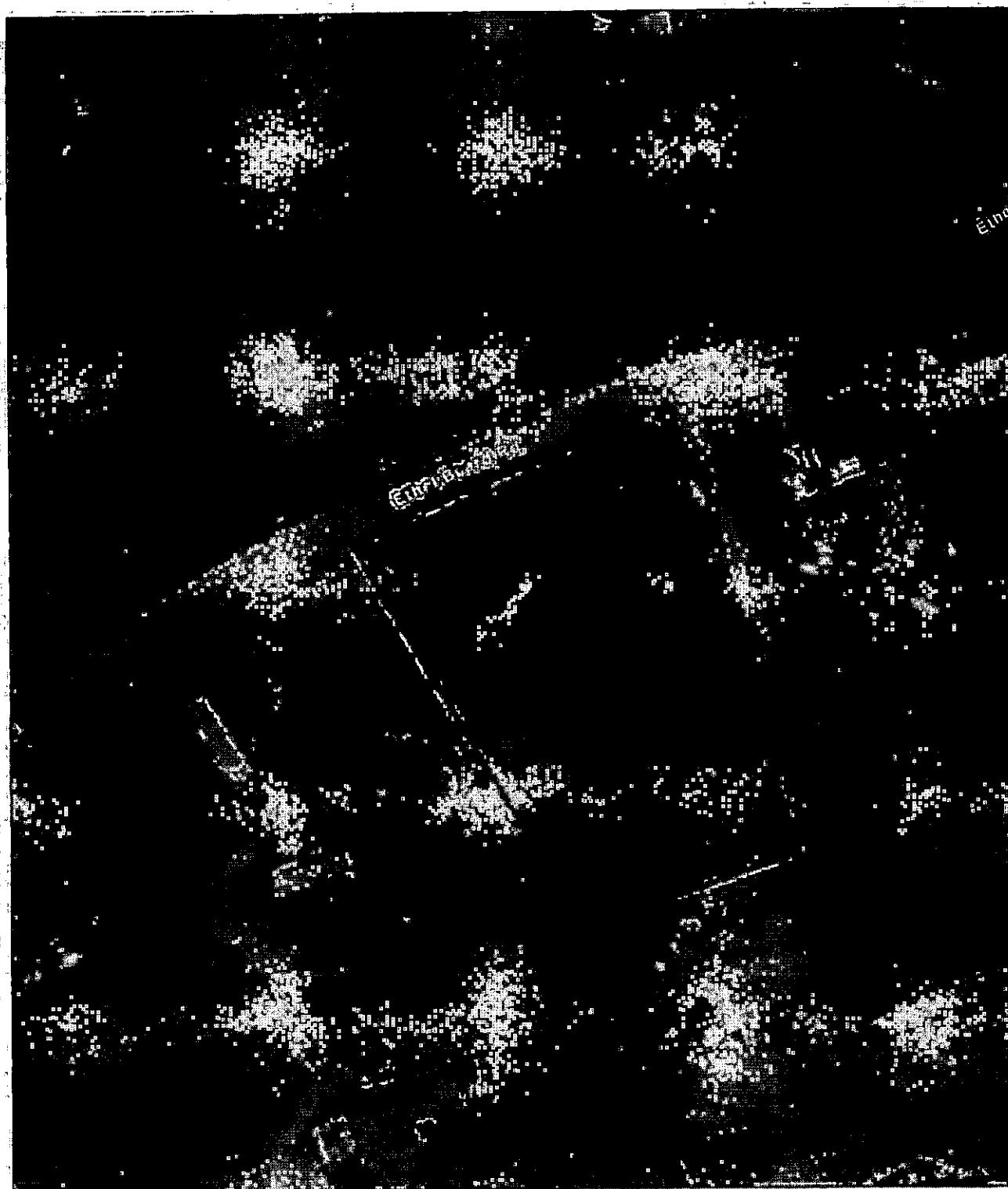
**Sale Information**

Sale Date	Price	Book	Page	Vacant/Improved	Type	Instrument	Qualification
1/1/1900	\$0	NA	NA	-	-	-	-

**Land Information**

Deed Acres: 0	Calculated Acres: 0	Total Land Units: 0
Land Code	Soil Class	Units

## Sullivan County - Parcel: 081HA 002.00



Date: September 23, 2025

County: SULLIVAN

Owner: JONES RANDALL WARREN & CATHY SUE

Address: ETHEL BEARD RD

Parcel ID: 081HA 002.00

Deeded Acreage: 0

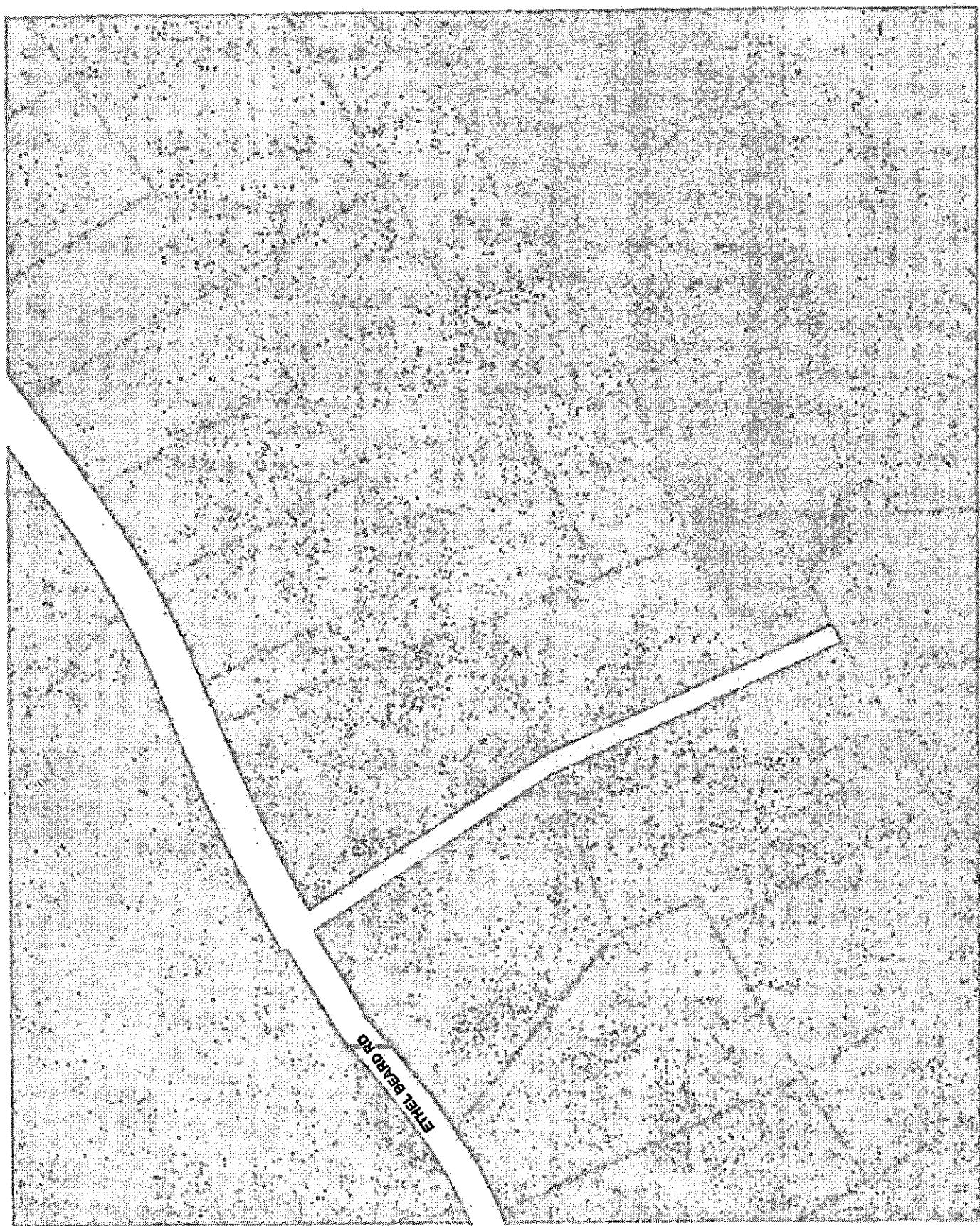
Calculated Acreage: 0

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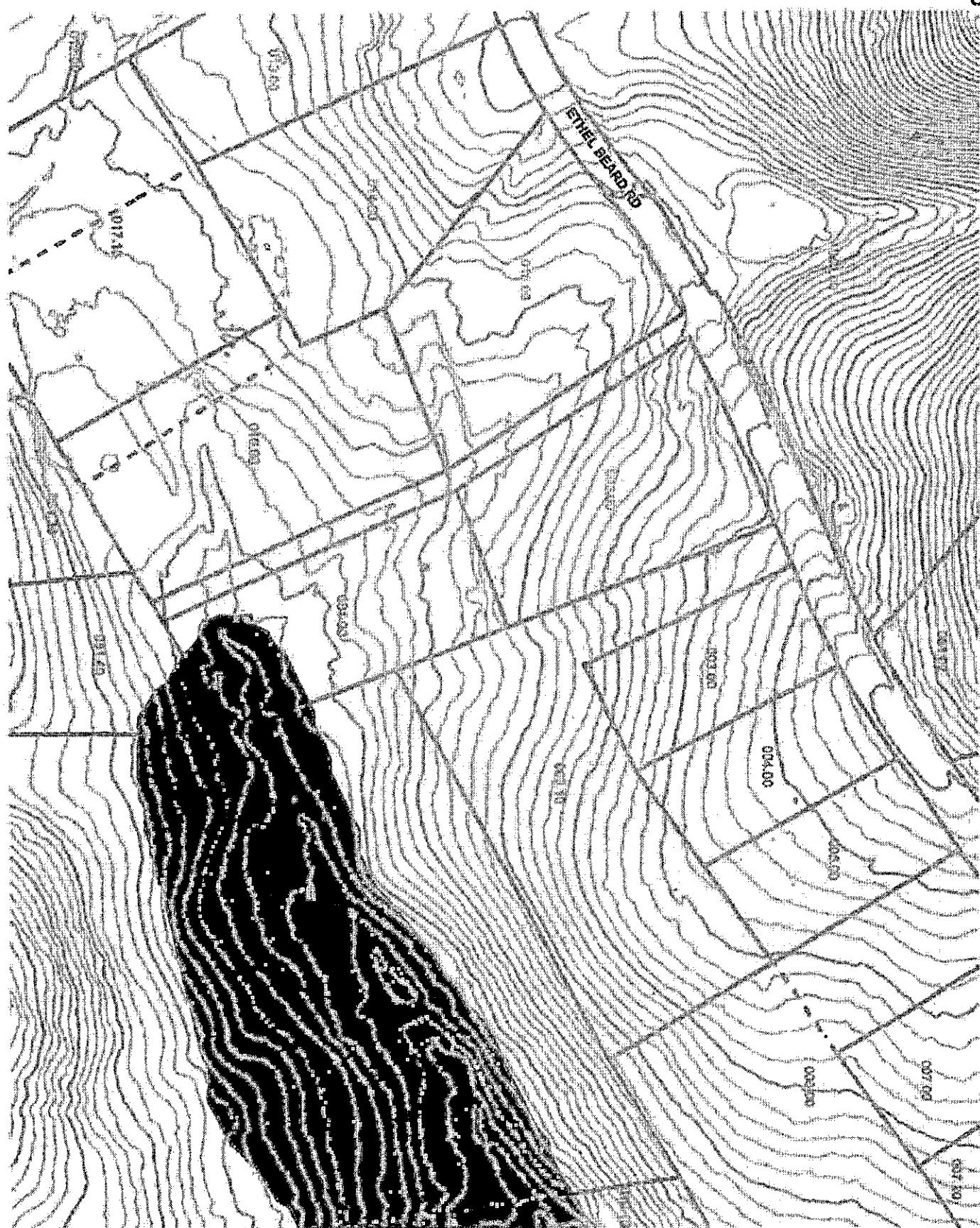
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This property lines are compiled from information maintained by your local





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Some: 10/28/2025

HOUSER CLYDE J & PATSY L/E  
& JAMES R BERRY ETAL R/M  
444 ETHEL BEARD RD  
BLOUNTVILLE TN 37617

COX CHRISTOPHER  
1048 JESSICA ROSE LN  
DANDRIDGE TN 37725

SHAFFER JERRY W &  
MICHELLE R  
311 ETHEL BEARD RD  
BLOUNTVILLE TN 37617

TOWNSEND JAMES MICHAEL  
& MARY ALICE  
1370 BIG HOLLOW RD  
BLOUNTVILLE TN 37617

JONES FRED WAYNE &  
ANGELINA  
389 ETHEL BEARD RD  
BLOUNTVILLE TN 37617









## Case #2

A-1 to B-4

**General Agricultural/Estate Residential District to Arterial Business Service District for the purpose of automotive parking**

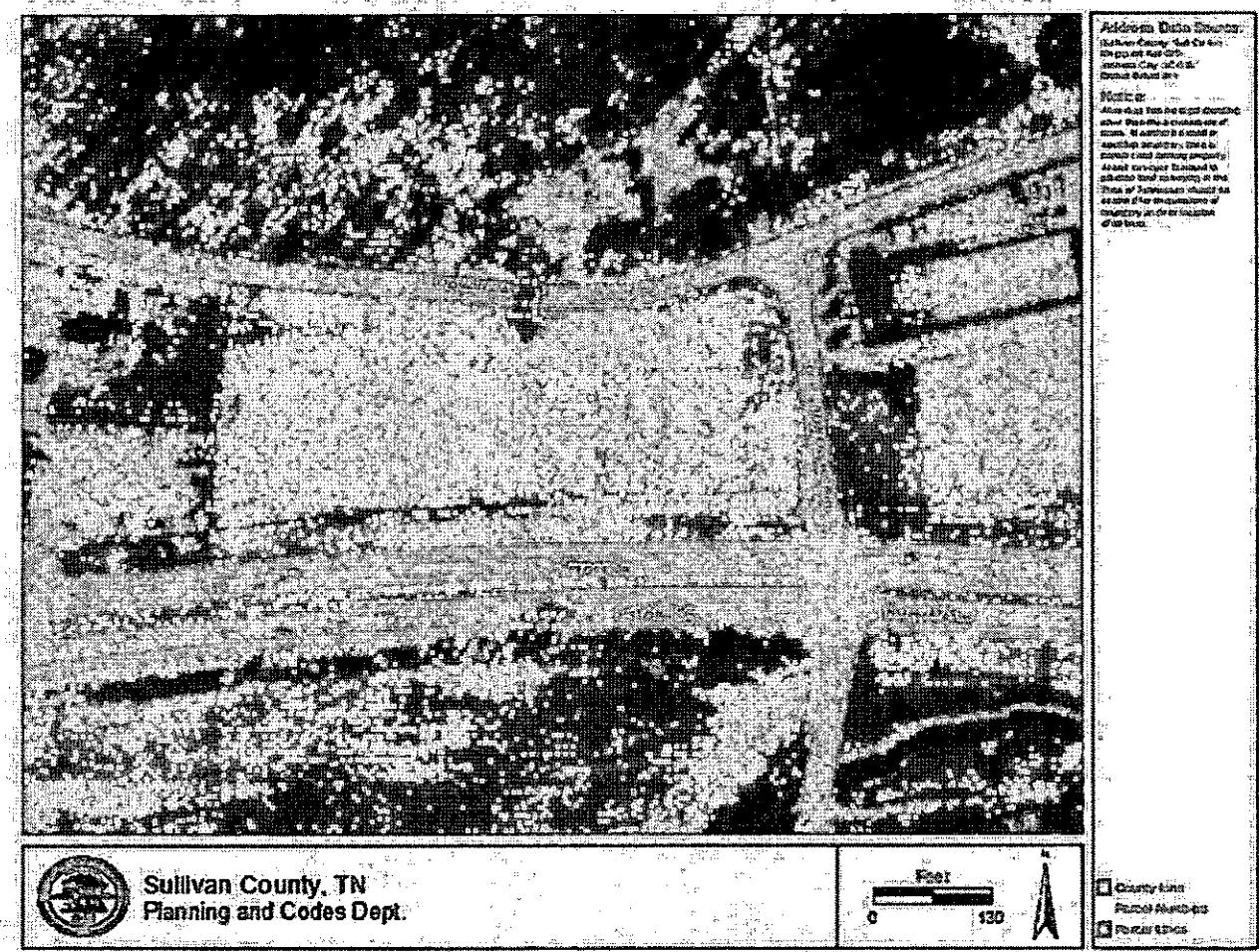
Tax Map 032 Parcel 112.20

for Ronald Jason Mitchem

**Kingsport Planning Commission  
voted to send a favorable recommendation  
to the County Commission**

3938 East Stone Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660

**Civil District 10th  
Commission District 6th  
(Horne, Means, Vanover)**



# Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission December 11 2025

12/11/2025

7 Case 2  
Vote

647

Description

Case 2) Ronald Jason Mitchem, 3938 East Stone Dr., A-1 to B-4, for the purpose of automotive parking. 6th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #2/Mitchem

Chairman

Gardner, John

## Total vote result

Voting start time 6:58:44 PM

Voting stop time 6:59:19 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Vote result

Yes	18
Abstain	0
No	1
Total Present	19
Absent	5

## Group voting result

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	18	1	0
Total result	18	1	0/5

## Individual voting result

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

<b>Property Information</b>		3938 East Stone Dr. County Rezoning	
Address	3938 East Stone Dr. Kingsport, TN		
Tax Map, Group, Parcel	Tax Map 032 Parcel 112.30		
Civil District	10 <sup>th</sup> Civil District		
Overlay District	Floodplain		
Land Use Designation	Retail/Commercial		
Acres	+/- 1.59		
Existing Use	Vacant	Existing Zoning	County A-1
Proposed Use	Parking Automotive	Proposed Zoning	County B-4
<b>Owner/ Applicant Information</b>			
Name:	<i>Intent: To rezone from County A-1 to County B-4 for the purposes of automotive parking.</i>		
Address:			
City:			
State: Zip Code:			
Phone:			
<b>Planning Department Recommendation</b>			
<p><b>The Kingsport Planning Division recommends sending a positive recommendation to the Sullivan County Commission for the following reasons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The zoning change is compatible with the adjacent County PBD/SC zoning.</li> <li>• The zoning change will appropriately match the areas existing use.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Staff Field Notes and General Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed zoning will complement the abutting commercial land use designation as shown on Sullivan County's future land use map below. Additionally, the proposed zone will complement the City's future land use designation of retail/commercial.</li> <li>• The proposed zoning designation will operate as an appropriate transition zone as determined by the Sullivan County Planning Department and will protect the surrounding agricultural and residential zones.</li> <li>• Sullivan County did receive a call in opposition to the rezoning, a summary of the complaint is below.</li> </ul>			
<p>Staff recommends sending a <b>POSITIVE</b> recommendation to the Sullivan County Commission to rezone 3938 East Stone Drive from County A-1 to County B-4. The rationale for this recommendation is based upon the subject area being in conformance with both county and city Future Land Use Plans.</p>			
Planner: Samuel Cooper	Date: 11/20/25		
Planning Commission Action:	Meeting Date 11/20/25		
Approval: Yes			
Denial:	Reason for Denial:		
Deferred:	Reason for Deferral:		

Approved by County Commission 18 Yes, 1 No, 5 Absent

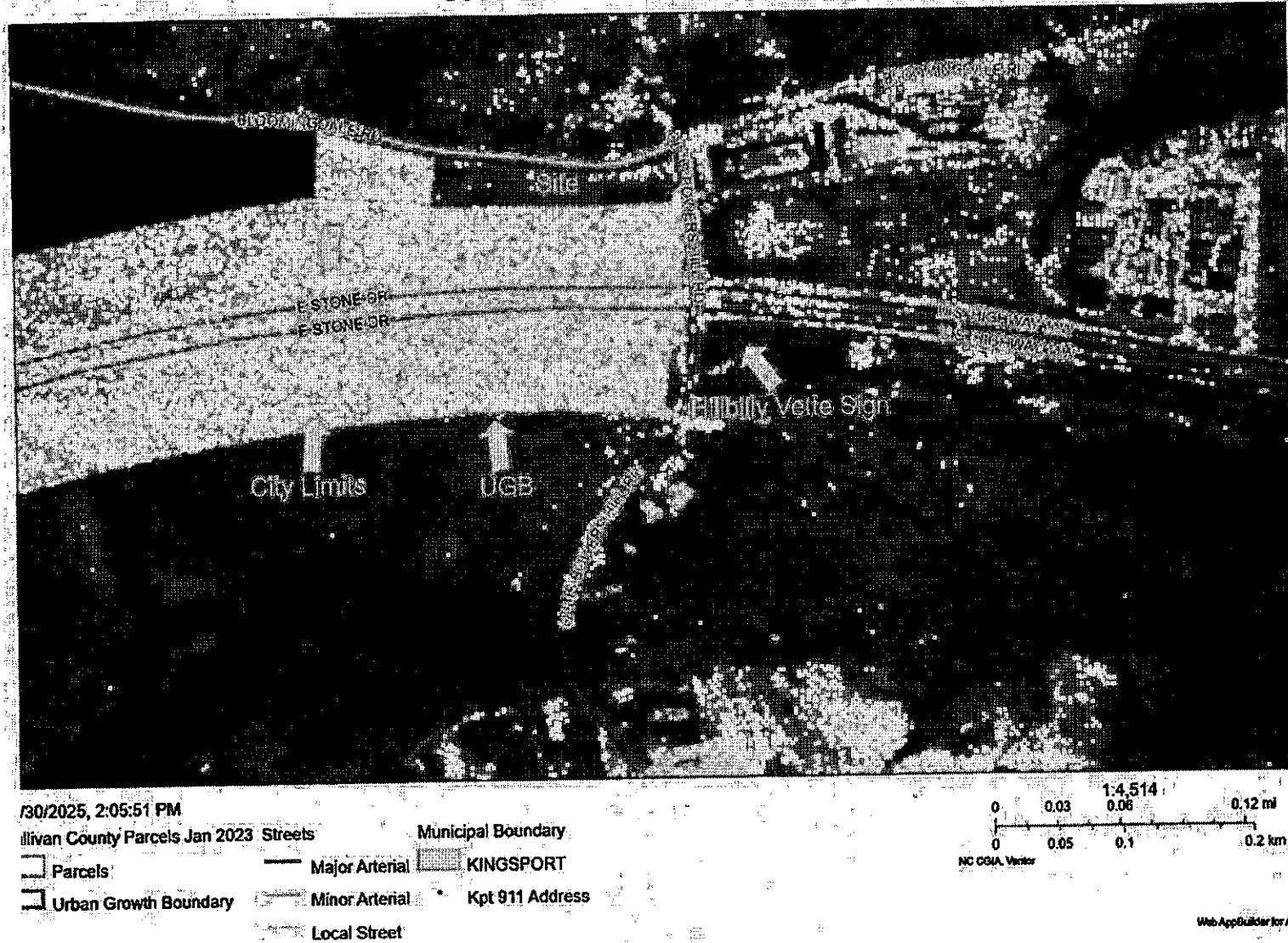
## Sullivan County Zoning Code

3. **A-1, General Agricultural/Estate Residential District** - These districts are designed to provide suitable areas for single-family residential development located within a rural environment. Residential development consists of single-family residential detached dwellings and such other structures as are customary and accessory, thereto. The intensity of development permitted within these districts is directly related to the availability of public water service. These districts also include community facilities, public utilities, and open uses, which serve specifically the residents of these districts, or that are benefited by an open residential environment without creating objectionable or undesirable influences upon residential developments. These districts provide for large tracts and open space on the fringe of higher densities of residential development and may transition into other districts as development evolves. These districts shall also provide for customary home occupations and farm employee housing situated on the large farming tracts (see definition in Appendix) and singlewide mobile homes on individual parcels.

3. **B-4, Arterial Business Service District** - This district is designed to provide adequate space in appropriate locations for uses, which serve the needs of the motoring public, as well as, the local community. Transient sleeping accommodations, entertainment and amusement, retail and wholesale trade, and eating and drinking establishments primarily characterize this district. In addition, commercial trade and service uses are permitted if necessary to serve the recurring needs of persons frequenting these districts. Community facilities and utilities necessary to serve these districts or uses necessary for the general community welfare are also permitted. Bulk limitations required of uses in these districts, in part, are designed to maximize building in proximate residential districts. It is the express purpose of this zoning classification to ensure that adequate infrastructure, accessibility and buffering between residential and agricultural land uses are in place to promote the highest and best use of the district while protecting the existing abutting land uses. This district is designed to serve the larger commuting area while providing a limited but compatible scope of services. New B-4 districts should be a continuation of existing commercial centers along arterial routes.

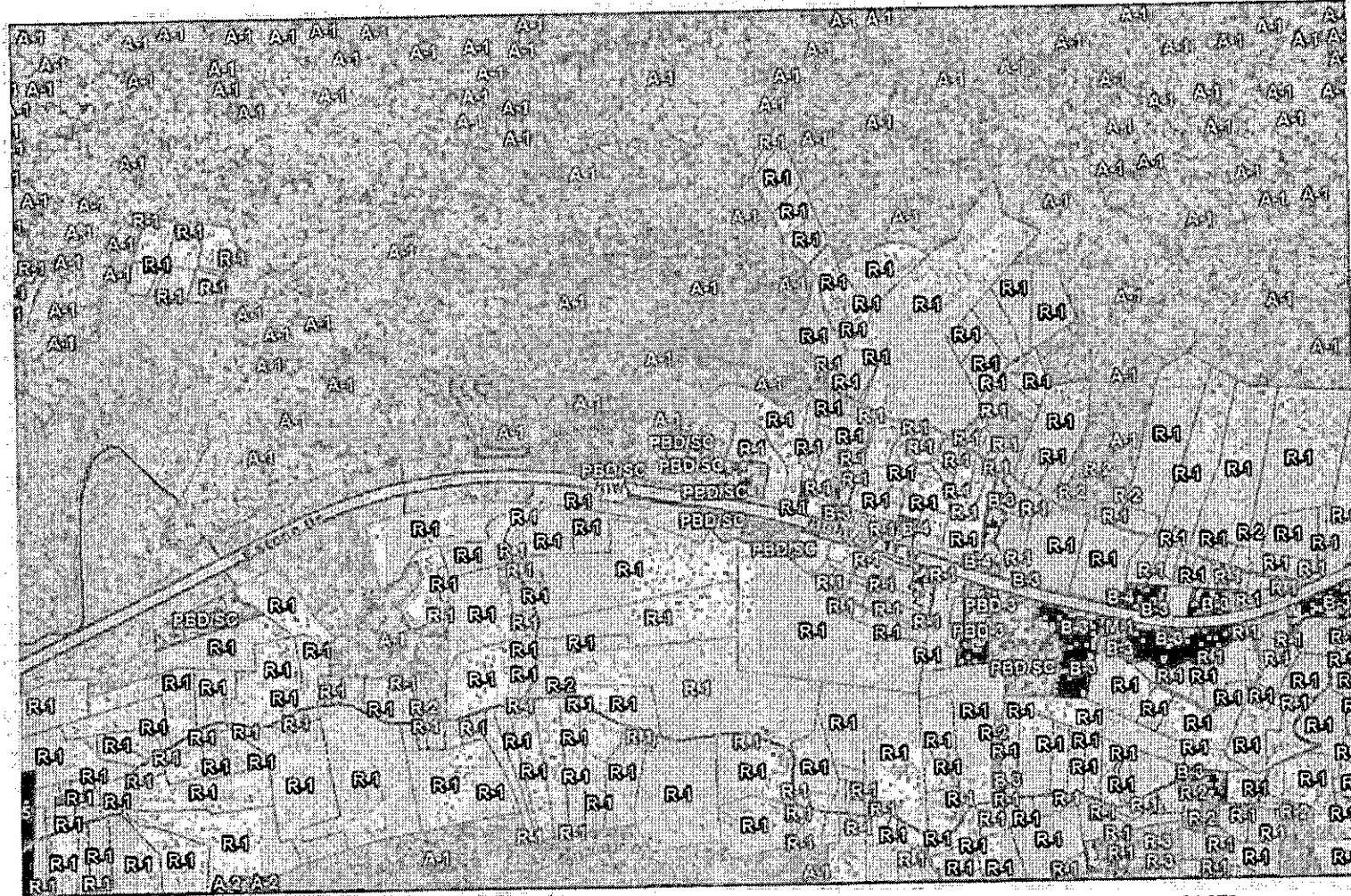
2. **PBD/SC, Planned Business and/or Shopping Center District** - This district is designed to provide adequate space along major arterial and collector roads, while serving the needs of the motoring public. This district is compatible with the Planned Corridor Business District in all aspects yet offers a broader scope of uses permitted. This district is designed to promote the clustering of developments along major routes through the use of access streets or interior roads while providing adequate buffering between existing abutting residential and agricultural land uses. Community facilities and utilities necessary to serve these districts or uses necessary for the general community welfare are also permitted. The previous zoning code had a separate category for the Shopping Center District; however, the setbacks and development standards were the same and the uses were very similar. These districts have been combined for simplicity.

3938 East Stone Dr. Site Map



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## 3938 East Stone Drive County Zoning Map

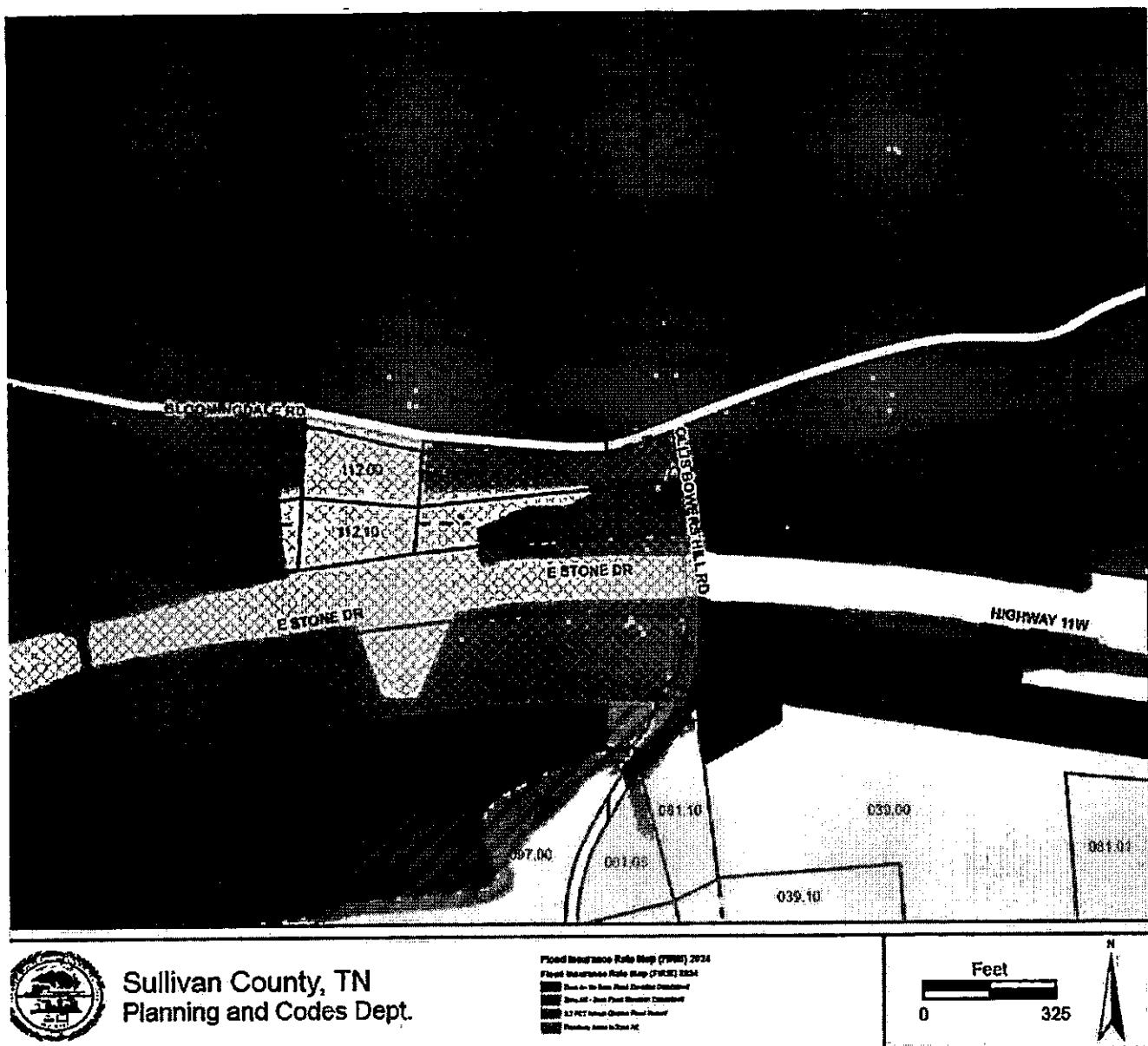


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## Sullivan County Future Land Use Map

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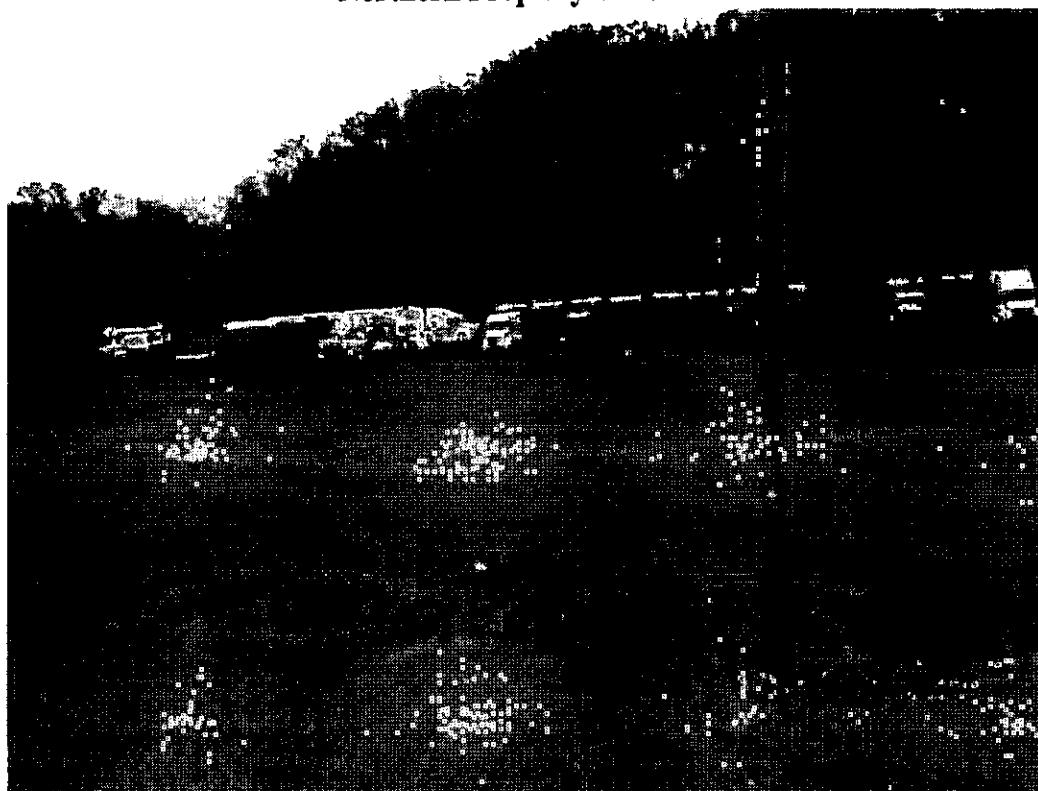
Sullivan County, TN  
Planning and Codes Dept.

Retail/Commercial

Major Arterial

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**Northern Property View**



**Southern Property View**



Eastern Property View

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**Sullivan County Opposition Received**

**11W/Ollis Bowers Rezoning – Opposition**

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Sullivan County received a complaint from a Dr. Wesley Hilton (423.292.1871) in regards to the property along Bloomingdale/Ollis Bowers Hill Rd. He was upset with the person who stripped all the topsoil, has brought in "ten coal trucks", and is bringing in and parking trucks "in the mudhole" via Ollis Bowers Hill Rd. He has concerns in regards to all the work being done on the property both poorly in his opinion and before getting the proper zoning to do so, as well as the heavy truck traffic along Ollis Bowers since that is currently being used as the access point into the property.

Standards of Review

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Staff shall, with respect to each zoning application, investigate and make a recommendation with respect to factors 1 through 7, below, as well as any other factors in may find relevant.

1. **Whether or not the proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property?** The proposal will permit a use suitable to the area due to the property's proximity to other County transition zones: PBD/SC; PMD-1; PBD-3; and B-4
2. **Whether or not the proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property?** This proposal will not have any adverse effect on the existing use or usability of the adjacent or nearby properties.
3. **Whether the property to be affected by the proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned?** The current and proposed zones offer reasonable economic use for the subject property.
4. **Whether the proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the land use plan?** City and County land use plans permit the rezoning to take place.

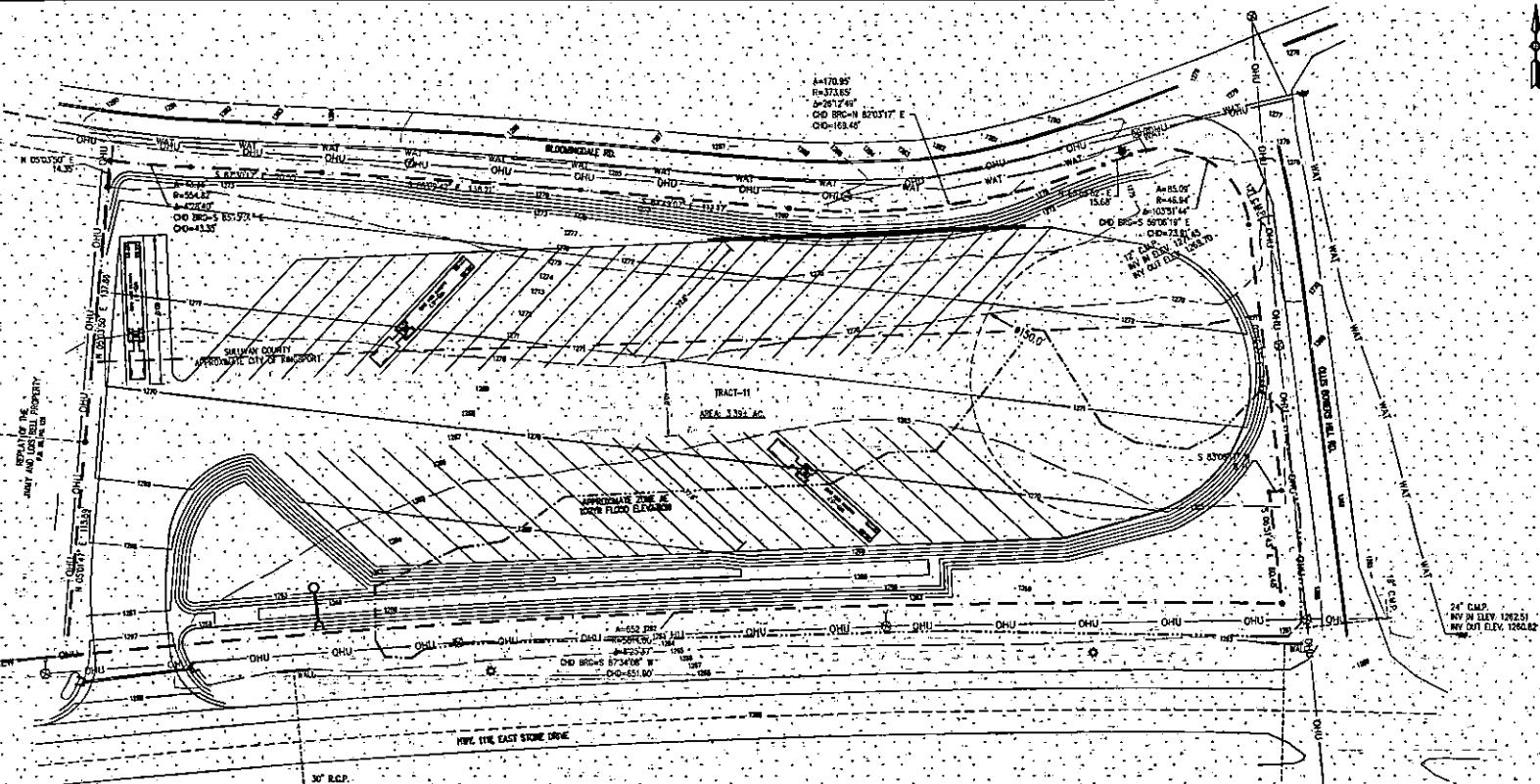
**Proposed use:** County B-4, Arterial Business Service District

**The Future Land Use Plan recommends:** County: Agriculture/Single-Family City: Retail/Commercial

5. **Whether there are other existing or changed conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the proposal?** The proposed zone designation is proposed in order to improve this corridor and be in code compliance with Sullivan County as well as create a proper transition zone suited for the agriculture and residential zones located on the backside of the property.
6. **Whether the present district boundaries are illogically drawn in relation to existing conditions?** The present district boundaries are logically drawn for residential use.
7. **Whether the change will create an isolated district unrelated to similar districts?** The proposed B-4 zone will exist in harmony with other transition zones adjacent to the property.

Recommendation

Based upon the Standards of Review and conformance to both the County and City future land use plans, staff recommends sending a **POSITIVE** recommendation to the Sullivan County Commission to rezone 3938 East Stone Drive from County A-1 to County B-4.



1. COMPLY WITH LOCAL AND STATE ORDINANCES REGARDING DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS. DO NOT BURN DEBRIS ON SITE WITHOUT SPECIFIC WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY. CLEAR AND GRADE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AS REQUIRED. IF OFF SITE BURNING  
SOIL WASTE AREAS ARE NEEDED, THEY WILL REQUIRE LOCAL APPROVAL AND DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE AREA, A NO/DIG FROM TDEC.

2. VERIFY LOCATION OF EXISTING ON-SITE UTILITIES. PROTECT AND MAINTAIN EXISTING UTILITIES AS REQUIRED. ESTABLISH AND VERIFY EXISTING LINES, GRADE AND DIMENSIONS SHOWN ON THE DRAWING.

3. EXISTING CONTOURS SHOWN ARE INTENDED TO FORM A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SURFACE GROUND ELEVATIONS. TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SHOWN THEREIN SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE NOT MORE THAN THE FOLLOWING PLUS OR MINUS UNITS OF RELATIVELY LARGE CHANGES IN CONTOURS. CONTOURS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO UNFAIRLY INFLUENCE INTERPRETATION OF CONTOURS.

4. TOPSOIL SHALL BE STRIPPED AND TEMPORARILY STORED SEPARATELY FOR LATER USE. IF A STOCK PILE AREA IS NOTED ON DRAWING, STOCK PILE SHALL BE IN SUCH PLACE TO PROVIDE FOR READY ACCESS TO NECESSARY AREAS OF SITE BY OTHER TRADES DUE TO COST OF WORK. PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHALL BE PAID TO FLOOR TO FLOOR, TOPSOIL RECLAYING SHALL BE IN A NEUTRAL DEPTH OF 6" AT ANY POINT.

5. ALL AREAS TO RECEIVE NEW STRUCTURE, TILL, OR OTHER NEW CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE PROTECTED FROM A 10' X 10' TANDEM DUMP TRUCK IN A SLOW EASY-PATTERN OVER THE DUMPED AREA. THIS MUST BE DONE IN PRESENCE OF SOILS TESTING AGENT, SOILS TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED AND DEDUCED UNTESTED AREAS BY THE SOILS TESTING AGENT SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AND REPAVED AS DIRECTED BY THE SOILS TESTING AGENT.

6. EARTH, SAND, SHEET METAL, INSULATION OR OTHER REUSABLE OR USEFUL MATERIALS ELEVATED ON PROPOSED FINAL SURFACE, OR IN DENS SHED, THE TERM UNDERRUN BY USED TO DESCRIBE MATERIAL, DEDUCED ABOVE FINAL SURFACE, CLEARLY IDENTIFY SOURCE OF UNTESTED MATERIALS. IF UNTESTED, IT MUST BE RECOMMENDED BY THE GEOGRAPHICAL ENGINEER FOR THE OWNER'S APPROVAL. GEOGRAPHICAL ENGINEER SHALL NOT HAVE UNLAWFUL AUTHORITY TO DIRECT UNTESTED ACTIVITIES WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. GEOGRAPHICAL ENGINEER'S WRITTEN FIELD NOTES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBSTANTIATE AMOUNTS OF UNTESTED. BACKFILL SHALL BE OF APPROVED MATERIAL ONLY AS DIRECTED BY THE GEOGRAPHICAL ENGINEER.

7. STRUCTURAL FILL SHALL BE COMPACTED IN LOTS NOT TO EXCEED 10' PLACED LENGTH - 25 TO +2% OF OPTIMUM MOISTURE CONTENT AND COMPACTED TO HIS STANDARD PROCTOR.

8. CONTRACTOR SHALL INCLUDE PRICE OF ALL REQUIRED TESTING AS REQUIRED TO BE PERFORMED BY AN INDEPENDENT QUALIFIED GEOGRAPHICAL ENGINEER TO ASSIST THE CITY AND/or OWNER FOR CITY'S AND/or OWNER'S REQUIREMENTS.

9. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FURNISH ALL LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO KEEP THE WOE FREE OF WATER OTHER FROM SURFACE SOURCES OR FROM UNDERGROUND SOURCES OR BOTH. SELECTION OF EQUIPMENT AND METHODS SHALL BE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DAMAGE INCURRED IN HANDLING WATER CONDITIONS.

10. REFER TO THE EROSION CONTROL PLAN FOR STABILIZATION DETAILS.

11. EROSION CONTROL MEASURES, SUBGRADE PROFILE AT ONE TIME TO 10' ALONG FOR EROSION PROTECTION OF THE WOE, GLEASER AND OTHER EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE ERECTED, MAINTAINED AND RECONSTRUCTED AS INDICATED IN EROSION CONTROL PLAN. EROSION CONTROL MEASURES, EXCEPT PAVING, BEFORE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CLEARED UP IMMEDIATELY. TEMPORARY EROSION STOLES SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED AND FOR INSTALLED PRIOR TO STRIPPING OF TOPSOIL AND RESEED IN AREAS THAT DEDUCE EROSION THROUGHOUT DUE TO REMOVE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES UN-TIL SITE IS STABILIZED.

12. ALL PRECAST CONCRETE STRUCTURES TO BE MANUFACTURED IN A CERTIFIED PRECAST PLANT.

13. THE APPROVED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN SHALL BE ADVISED OF DURING GRAVING AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ALLOWED TO DEVIATE FROM THE APPROVED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF A PLAN AMENDMENT BY THE CITY.

14. THE APPROVED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN SHALL BE AMENDED IF THE PROPOSED SITE CONDITIONS CHANGE AFTER PLAN APPROVAL IS OBTAINED, OR IF IT IS DETERMINED BY THE CITY, MANAGER OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE DURING THE COURSE OF GRAVING OR CONSTRUCTION THAT THE APPROVED PLAN IS INADEQUATE.

15. A DENSE AND VIGOROUS VEGETATIVE COVER SHALL BE ESTABLISHED OVER THE CONSIDERING PERNIOUS DRAMAE, MAINTAINED AREA OF THE STORMWATER CROWN. BEFORE PLANT CAN BE ACCESSED INTO THE BMP, SEGMENT-LADON PLANT SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLANT ANY STABILIZATION GROWTH, AS AT ANY TIME, IF THE STABILIZATION PLANT DISPUTES A PLANTING, THE STRUCTURE SHALL BE CLEARED, REPAVED, AND/or RECONSTRUCTED AS INDICATED IN THE CONSTRUCTION PLAN.

**IMPORTANT**  
GEOTECHNICAL  
KEY SITE GEOTECHNICAL  
FOR ALL SUBGRADE INFO  
GEOTECHNICAL REPORT SHEET  
PRECEDENCE OVER INFO  
BOTH GRAPHICAL AND  
INCLUDED WITHIN THESE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS REGARDING EXISTING UTILITY

## GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN

A scale bar with markings at 30', 60', 30', and 60'.

**PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PLANS  
HIGHWAY 11W PROJECT  
MITCHEM**  
F. STONE DR., KINGSPORT, TN 37660  
**GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN**

A circular stamp with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the words 'PRELIMINARY ONLY' at the top and 'NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION' at the bottom. The inner circle contains the words 'NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION' at the top and 'PRELIMINARY ONLY' at the bottom, with a small 'X' in the center.

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SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Rezoning Hearing & Work Session  
PUBLIC COMMENT ON REZONING

December 11, 2025

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION

	Name	Street Address	City
1	Michael Suryanor	391 Olinger Dr.	Kingsport
2	Perry Carter	117 Timbertree Branch Rd	Kingsport
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**SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Work Session  
PUBLIC COMMENT NON AGENDA TOPICS**

July 30, 2024

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**PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION**

	Name	Street Address	City
1	Chuck Pyne	539 Beech Forest Rd	Bristol
2	Jim Goodwin	400 Tipton Lane	Bltv
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SULLIVAN COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners  
Order of Business  
December 11, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

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**COUNTY COMMISSION REZONING HEARING & WORK SESSION**

**WORK SESSION**

- ❖ Proclamations & Presentations
  - 1) Proclamation to Honor and Recognize the Sullivan East Lady Patriots Volleyball Team.
  - 2) Judge James Goodwin – Sullivan County Restoration
- ❖ Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- ❖ Public Hearing on agenda items.
- ❖ Review of Old Business/Drafts of Potential New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

Old Business

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Item 1 Resolution 2025-11-05

Sponsors: Jones/Vanover

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

Item 2 Resolution 2025-11-07

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

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

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

Sponsors:

**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

Sponsors:

**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**

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Item 7 Resolution 2025-12-04

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 8 Resolution 2025-12-05

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

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

Sponsors: Jones/Ward

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

Item 11 Resolution 2025-12-08

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

Sponsors: Cole/Ward

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

Item 13 Resolution 2025-12-10

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

Sponsors: Jones/Calton

**RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES**

Item 15 Resolution 2025-12-12

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

**CONTINUED**

Item 1  
Resolution No. 2025-11-05

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mayor, Sullivan County  
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. 12/11/25 (Work Session) Sponsor  
stated intent to withdraw at the regular session on 12/18/25.

**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**

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.

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.

**CONTINUED**

**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

**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.**

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

**SPONSOR REQUEST TO FURTHER AMEND**

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

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Item 2  
Resolution No. 2025-11-07

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.

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

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Item 2  
Resolution No. 2025-11-07

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

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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 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 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be considered on 12/18/25.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
*Board of County Commissioners*  
*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.

**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

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.

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

**SECTION 1.**

The Sullivan County Zoning Resolution and Sullivan County Planning Commission rules and regulations are hereby amended to impose a four (4) month moratorium, to begin upon passage of this Resolution, forbidding the location, construction, operation, permitting, vesting, etc., of data mining centers and crypto mining centers within Sullivan County; and

**SECTION 2.**

The staff of the Sullivan County Planning and Codes Department is hereby directed, and the Sullivan County Planning Commission is hereby requested 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; and

**SECTION 3.**

Data-mining centers and cryptocurrency-mining operations, blockchain-computing centers, etc., are hereby prohibited during such moratorium from filing preliminary development plans, final development plans, and/or applications for building permits, etc., that may entitle them to any vesting rights, and are prohibited from locating, constructing, or operating in Sullivan County during said moratorium; and

**SECTION 4.**

During such moratorium, no county permits, zoning approvals, building approvals, utility extensions, building permits, and/or development agreements, etc., shall be issued for the purpose of establishing a data-mining center or crypto mining center within Sullivan County; and

**SECTION 5.**

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; and

**SECTION 6.**

This moratorium may be extended by vote of this body beyond the initial four months; and

**SECTION 6.**

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 shall be and the same are hereby rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County

**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: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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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, Commissioner Sam Jones

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

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



**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

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) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be considered on 12/18/25.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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

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

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method: \_\_\_\_\_

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 4  
Resolution No. 2025-11-09

## **ACTION BY MAYOR**

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) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be considered on 12/18/25.

**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 ECBG 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 ECBG 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.

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

**Sponsor: Dwight King**

**Cosponsor: Zane Vanover**

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

**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 Semi quincentennial 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

**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.**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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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.**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 & 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 considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 12/18/25.



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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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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

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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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 & ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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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.

**Effective  
January 1, 2008**

## ATLAS REVISIONS FOR 2028

**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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Item 11  
Resolution No. 2025-12-08

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 & 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 Zane Vanover  
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite  
ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular meeting on 12/18/25.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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

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

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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**Item 12**  
**Resolution No. 2025-11-09**

## **ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor, Sullivan County \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Commissioner Michael Cole**

**Sponsor: Commissioner Michael Cole**

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sponsor:** Commissioner Dwight King  
**Cosponsor:** Commissioner Zane Vanover  
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ACTIONS: 12/11/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular meeting on 12/18/25.

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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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Duly adopted 20th day of December 2025.

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Item 14  
Resolution No. 2025-12-11

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Sam Jones

Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 12/11/25 To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 12/18/25.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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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.

**Sullivan County Board of Commissioners Committee Assignments**

**FY 2025-2026**

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

Updated December 2025

# *Sullivan County*



AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 7:59 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER KING TO MEET AGAIN IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 18, 2026.

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John T. Gardner

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COMMISSION CHAIRMAN