

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

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BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

COUNTY COMMISSION MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 19, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. IN BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WAS COMMISSIONER JOHN GARDNER, CHAIRMAN, AND TERESA JACOBS, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

TO WIT:

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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

20 PRESENT, 4 ABSENT

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: HAYES, HOPPER, IRESON, KING

NOTE: KING IN @ 6:12 PM

The following pages indicate the action taken by the commission on approval of notary applications and personal surety bonds, motions, resolutions, and other matters subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion was made by Comm. Jones, and seconded by Comm. Calton to approve the minutes of the Rezoning Hearing/Work Session held on January 15, 2026, and the minutes of the Regular Session held on January 15, 2026. There was no Work Session for January 2026. Approved 21 Yes, 3 Absent.

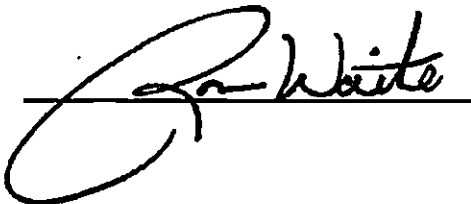
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TIMES NEWS**

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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:

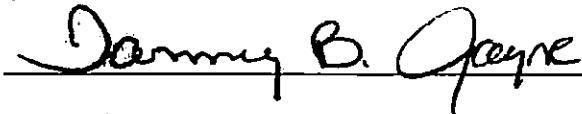
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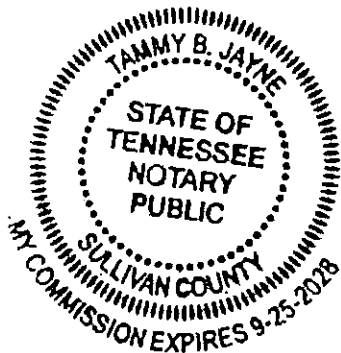


Ron Waite

Signed and sworn to before me  
on 02/05/2026



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



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026**

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 February 2026. 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, February 12, 2026, and the monthly Regular Session will commence at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, February 19, 2026. 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: 2/5/26

## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission February 19 2026

2/19/2026

4 Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk  
Roll Call

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**Description** Roll Call  
**Chairman** Gardner, John

**Total vote result**  
**Voting start time** 6:01:14 PM  
**Voting stop time** 6:02:06 PM  
**Voting configuration** Roll Call - Attendances  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Present	20
Total Present	20
Total Seats	28
Absent	4

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	20	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>20</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
Hopper, Barry ()		X
Horne, Daniel ()	X	
Ireson, Mark ()		X
Jones, Sam ()	X	
King, Dwight ()		X
Leonard, Tony ()	X	
Locke, Hunter ()	X	
McMurray, Joe ()	X	
Means, Jessica ()	X	
Pierce, Archie ()	X	
Stidham, Gary ()	X	
Vanover, Zane ()	X	
Ward, Travis ()	X	

SULLIVAN COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners  
Order of Business  
February 19, 2026  
6:00 p.m.

**COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Approval of Notaries Public
- ❖ Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: January 15, 2026, Rezoning Hearing; January 15, 2026, Monthly Meeting. (The Commission did not have a Work Session in January)
- ❖ Presentations & Appointments.
  - 1) Sullivan County Jail Update on Construction and Question and Answer Period, with Representatives of Various Stakeholders (SCSO; MBI; JA Street; County Project Oversight).
  - 2) Appointment of Members to the 2026 Sullivan County Board of Equalization: Robert (Skip Greene); Kenneth Osborne; Charles Crosswhite; Robert Earhart.
- ❖ Public Hearing on agenda items.
- ❖ Public Hearing on non-agenda items
- ❖ Consent Agenda (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16)
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

*Sullivan County*  
Board of County Commissioners  
*246th Annual Session*

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

*Order Appointing Board Members*

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

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

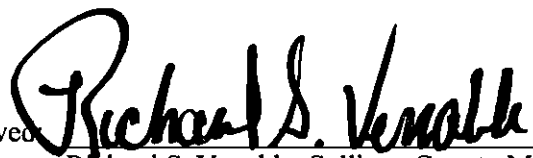
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is responsible for electing members to serve on the Board of Equalization and that due to the fact that the training seminar for the Board of Equalization is held in April, it is of the essence that elections be made in a timely manner.

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

**Mr. Robert Greene  
Mr. Kenneth Osborne  
Mr. Charles Crosswhite  
Mr. Robert Earhart (Alternate)**

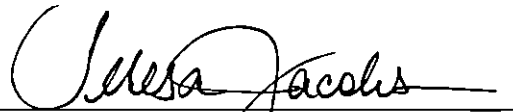
Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

Approved



Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said appointment entered into the record of the meeting of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 19th day of February 2026



Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

Motion to approve the appointment of the above individuals to the Sullivan County Board of Equalization was made by Commissioner Cole and seconded by Commissioner Akard. 20 Yes, 1 Abstain (for cause), 3 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY CLERK  
TERESA JACOBS COUNTY CLERK  
3258 HIGHWAY 126 SUITE 101  
BLOUNTVILLE TN 37617  
Telephone 423-323-6428  
Fax 423-279-2725

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Notaries to be elected February 19, 2026

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KELLI M BAGLEY	CRYSTAL HAWKINS
SYDNEY BALL	ETHAN CHRISTOPHER HAYNES
BRIAN BARKER	TERESA HERRING
DAVID ALLEN BAYS JR.	MEGAN ALLISON HOPKINS
CATRINA ANN COX BENNETT	JENNIFER MARIE HOWARD
NATHANIEL BLAYLOCK	HOWARD DALE JOHNSON
GARY LEE BOYD	KAYLEE JOHNSON
AMBER BROPHY	CONNIE B. KINDLE
CARISSA BRYANT	NATHAN LEE KINDLE
KALEIGH ELIZABETH CAMPBELL	JACE A KUHBANDER
MISTY CARTER	TRACY LUCKADOO
LAURA CLICK	LORI ANN MANN
AVERI COCHRAN	AMY DAWN MITCHELL
SHERRY COULSTON	RENAE MORELOCK
SHEILA ANN COX	SHERRY MULLINS
ANGELA D CRAWFORD	ALEXIS SIERRA MULLINS
TONI RENEE CRAWFORD	ERIKA NICHOLS
LINDA CRAWLEY	LYDIA S. NORWOOD
SUSAN GALE CULVER	HAILEY ORTIZ
MATTHEW DARRELL DAVIS	STEPHANIE C. OSBORNE
DONNA JEAN DILLARD	PENNY M. PARKER
JOHNNY ALAN DRINNON	HUNTER SHIAN PUGH
GREG EASTERLING	C. THOMAS ROARK JR.
ALLAINAH EASTERLING	FREDA ROBINETTE
SUSAN C. ELLIOTT	PATRICIA A. SHIVERS
C. STUART EVERETT	SHARON M. SHUTTLE
PENNY GAYLE FEDEROW	RICHARD SIRONKO
CAMILO A. FLOREZ	MICHELLE W. SNYDER
APRIL H GANGEWERE	SAMANTHA R. SPENCER
STEPHANIE MARIE GANNON	BRITTANY TOREA STALLARD
MARCY DANIELLE GILLENWATER	CHRISTINE TART
JOSEPH ALBERT GLADYSZEWSKI	PATRICIA TARTE
KALEIGH GREEN	KRISTA WATERS
JOSHUA M GREENE	WILLIAM C. WITCHER
WENDY L. GRIFFITH	AMY WOODALL
DAVID W. HARTSOCK	JESSICA L YOST

PERSONAL SURETY

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. COLE AND SECONDED BY COMM. CROSS, THE NOTARY  
APPLICATIONS HEREON WERE APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. 20 YES,  
4 ABSENT

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

APPROVAL OF NOTARY

SURETY BONDS

February 19, 2026

<b>Name of Notary</b>	<b>Personal Surety</b>	<b>Personal Surety</b>
<b>Teresa L. Jacobs</b>	<b>Kristin L. Houser</b>	<b>Bridgette E. Gammon</b>

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

**20 YES, 4 ABSENT**

## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission February 19 2026

2/19/2026

5 Approval of Notaries Public  
Vote

Description

Approval of Notaries Public

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Chairman

Gardner, John

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 6:05:53 PM  
**Voting stop time** 6:06:12 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Motion to approve by Comm. Cole  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Cross

Yes	20
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	20
Absent	4

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	20	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</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
Hopper, Barry ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()				X
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()				X
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission February 19 2026

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91 Approval of Minutes  
Vote

**Description**

Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's:  
January 15, 2026, Rezoning Hearing; January 15, 2026 Monthly Meeting.  
(The Commission did not have a Work Session in January)

**Chairman**

Gardner, John

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**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 6:43:03 PM  
**Voting stop time** 6:43:24 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Motion to approve by Comm. Jones  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Calton

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0 3</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
Hopper, Barry ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()				X
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission February 19 2026

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6 Presentations & Appointments

**Description**

1) Sullivan County Jail Update on Construction and Question and Answer Period, with Representatives of Various Stakeholders (SCSO; MBI; JA Street; County Project Oversight). 122

2) Appointment of Members to the 2026 Sullivan County Board of Equalization: Robert (Skip) Greene; Kenneth Osborne; Charles Crosswhite; Robert Earhart.

**Chairman**

Motion to approve by Comm. Cole  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Akard

Gardner, John

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 6:41:26 PM  
**Voting stop time** 6:42:04 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	20
Abstain	1
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Abstain	Absent
No group	20	1	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/3</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 ()				
Hopper, Barry ()				
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()				
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY COMMISSION - REGULAR SESSION  
NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT  
February 19, 2026

Name	Street Address	City
1. BEN COWAN	108 STONECROFT CIR	BR 37620
2. Michael Gilly	1257 Valley Parke	Kingsport 37663
3. Clark Carter	455 W. Sullivan St.	Kingsport 37660
4. Samuel Ward	1015 Windsor Ave	Bristol 37620
5. Whitney Preater	2543 Hawaii St	Kingsport 37660
6.		
7.		

# Sullivan County Schools: Measurable Progress 2021-2025

Our results show steady, measurable progress across all core academic areas. More students are meeting expectations, more are exceeding, and fewer are below. This progress reflects consistent, deliberate work in classrooms and targeted support where students need it most.

## Mathematics: More Than Doubled Proficiency

2021: Met/Exceeded <b>16.8%</b>	2025: Met/Exceeded <b>38.4%</b>	Below: Decreased <b>50.4% → 24.9%</b>	Exceeded: Growth <b>2.8% → 10.0%</b>
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*Proficiency more than doubled, while students below expectations dropped by half.*

## Science: Consistent Growth

2021: Met/Exceeded <b>32.8%</b>	2025: Met/Exceeded <b>43.5%</b>	Below: Decreased <b>25.6% → 17.9%</b>	Exceeded: Growth <b>3.1% → 7.2%</b>
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*10.7 percentage point increase in proficiency with strong growth in top performers.*

## English/Language Arts: Building Momentum

2021: Met/Exceeded <b>24.2%</b>	2025: Met/Exceeded <b>39.0%</b>	Below: Decreased <b>22.2% → 17.1%</b>	Exceeded: Growth <b>1.9% → 9.0%</b>
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*Sharp gains in both proficiency and top performance—students are accelerating.*

## Social Studies: Sustained Gains

2021: Met/Exceeded <b>32.3%</b>	2025: Met/Exceeded <b>40.2%</b>	Below: Decreased <b>29.9% → 24.9%</b>	Exceeded: Growth <b>4.2% → 6.1%</b>
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*Meaningful improvement with sustained progress across multiple years.*

**Bottom Line:** Our district is moving more students into "on-track" categories and expanding top performance—while shrinking the number who struggle. We've tightened instructional focus, use data to respond quickly, and target supports effectively. Trust is earned through measurable results. These multi-year trends are encouraging, and we intend to keep building on them.

[Sullivan County Schools One Pager.docx](#) (link to the above one-pager).



**SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY COMMISSION  
AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT  
February 19, 2026**

Name	Street Address	Email
1. Jenna Wingo	245 Pond Springs Rd, Kingsport, TN 37664	jennifer.wingo5@gmail.com
2. Sharon Brown	1560 Pinedale Ave.	smb101953@gmail.com
3. Don Thompson	128 Ashwood Dr Bristol TN	ddonaldthompson@gmail.com
4. Giana Lopez	22 4 <sup>th</sup> St Bristol TN	
5. Tyler Jones	663 Poplar Grove Rd, Kingsport, TN 37664	tylerjones4629@gmail.com
6. Mary Lynn Satterwhite	511 Thomas Rd 37620	marylynn.satterwhite@gmail.com
7. Leslie Reed	2416 Muddy Creek Rd 37617	lesliemdreed@gmail.com
Tommy Rivera	2218 3 <sup>rd</sup> St Bristol TN 37620	Concerned.Bristolians@gmail.com
Dan Gray	518 Akatama St, Bristol, TN 37620	pastordangray@gmail.com
10- Lise Blakley	5040 Old Winesboro Rd, Bristol 37620	weblakes@gmail.com

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**SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**County Commission Special Meeting**  
**Public Comment - Part 1, Agenda Items**  
 February 19, 2026

**PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION**

**Item Number on  
 which you wish  
 to comment.**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	✓
1	Victoria M. Hunt	4257 Rockholdd	BC	
2	Deborah F. Cepeda	1360 Garden Dr	Kingsport	
3	Joshua Grant	573 Dogwood Dr	kingsport	2
4	Brianna Cusanno	4246 Hwy 126	Blantville	
5	Tylor Jones	663 Poplar Grove Rd.	Kingsport 37664	2
6	Guadalupe Cabrera	341 Hickory Lane	Bluff city, 37618	
7	Sabrina Amaya	1716 Jennifer St.	Kingsport TN 37660	
8	<del>Matthew</del>	1716 Jennifer St.	Kingsport TN 37660	
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## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission February 19 2026

2/19/2026

Motion to Extend Public Comment  
VOTE

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**Description**

**Chairman** Gardner, John

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:30:21 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:31:54 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Motion made by Comm. Locke  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Means

Yes	8
Abstain	0
No	13
Total Present	21
Absent	3

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	No	Absent
No group	8	13	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</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
Hopper, Barry ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()			X	
Ireson, Mark ()				X
Jones, Sam ()			X	
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()			X	
Locke, Hunter ()			X	
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()			X	
Stidham, Gary ()			X	
Vanover, Zane ()			X	
Ward, Travis ()			X	

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners  
February 19, 2026  
CONSENT AGENDA

- Item 1            Resolution 2026-02-02  
Sponsors: Vanover/Ward  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2026 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.**
- Item 2            Resolution 2026-02-03  
Sponsors: Locke/Vanover  
**TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ICE/ERO 287(g) PROGRAM.\***
- Item 3            Resolution 2026-02-04  
Sponsors: Locke/Vanover  
**TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.\*\***
- Item 4            Resolution 2026-02-05  
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM.**
- Item 5            Resolution 2026-02-06  
Sponsors: Glover/King  
**TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (TSMP) FOR THE STATE ROUTE HIGHWAY 390 AT EGYPT ROAD INTERSECTION.\*\***
- Item 6            Resolution 2026-02-07  
Sponsors: Glover/King  
**TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (TSMP) FOR THE 11E / PINEY FLATS INTERSECTION**
- Item 7            Resolution 2026-02-08  
Sponsors: Cole/Cross  
**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO FUND AN ADDITIONAL \$800 SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR POST CERTIFIED OFFICERS THAT ARE PLACED IN THE ROLE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,400 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS.**

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Sullivan County Board of Commissioners  
February 19, 2026  
CONSENT AGENDA

Item 8                   Resolution 2026-02-09

    Sponsors: King/Glover

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$300,000 FROM THE SOLID WASTE GENERAL FUND TO THE SOLID WASTE 300 ACCOUNT.**

Item 9                   Resolution 2026-02-10

    Sponsors: Crosswhite/Gardner

**RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY-OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 1321 IVORY STREET, TAX MAP 076A/A/032.00.**

Item 11                  Resolution 2026-02-12

    Sponsors: Means/Calton

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$139,708 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE'S PRE-TRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM.**

Item 14                  Resolution 2026-02-15

    Sponsors: Ireson/Crosswhite

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE, REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL.**

Item 15                  Resolution 2026-02-16

    Sponsors: Ireson/Crosswhite

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL.**

Item 16                  Resolution 2026-02-17

    Sponsors: Crosswhite/Cole

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON RIVERSIDE ROAD.**

## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission February 19 2026

2/19/2026

14 Consent Agenda  
Vote

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Description

Consent Agenda (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16)

Chairman

Gardner, John

**Total vote result**

Voting start time 7:47:50 PM  
 Voting stop time 7:48:24 PM  
 Voting configuration Vote  
 Voting mode Open  
 Vote result

Motion to approve by Comm. Cole  
 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Ward

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0<sup>3</sup></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
Hopper, Barry ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()				X
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			





**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
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**246th Annual Session**

Item 1  
Resolution No. 2026-02-02

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of February 2026.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2026 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.**

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2026 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

- 1) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2026 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of \$81,300.00, is hereby accepted.
- 2) The sum of \$81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.
- 3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.
- 4) this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

**CONTINUED**

Item 1  
Resolution No. 2026-02-02

Duly adopted this 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at or about the following time 9:00 AM by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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

**Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover**

**Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward**

ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.

02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
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Item 2  
Resolution No. 2026-02-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of February 2026.

**TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ICE/ERO 287(g) PROGRAM.\*\***

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), administers the ICE/ERO 287(g) Program pursuant to Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g), as amended by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296; and

WHEREAS, DHS has awarded funding under Agreement No. 70CDCR26PSA000083 to establish a 287(g) service agreement between ICE and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), Blountville, Tennessee, for specific immigration enforcement actions as directed by ICE under the ICE Task Force Model (TFM); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this award is to support participation in the ICE/ERO 287(g) Program, including the purchase of equipment necessary for operational enforcement activities conducted by trained and certified officers of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has been awarded One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000) from the United States Department of Homeland Security to be used for the purchase of one (1) up-fitted Ford F-150 vehicle and necessary equipment to support six (6) officers engaged in immigration enforcement activities under the 287(g) Task Force Model; and

WHEREAS, this award is direct funding, not reimbursable, requires no local match, and funds will be distributed directly to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will enhance public safety, support federal-local law enforcement cooperation, and strengthen Sullivan County's capacity to carry out lawful immigration enforcement activities in coordination with ICE;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session, that:

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby accepts funding in the amount of \$145,000 from the United States Department of Homeland Security under Agreement No. 70CDCR26PSA000083 for participation in the ICE/ERO 287(g) Program.
2. Said funds are hereby appropriated to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of one (1) up-fitted Ford F-150 vehicle and necessary equipment to support six (6) officers engaged in immigration enforcement activities under the ICE Task Force Model.

3. This award is not reimbursable, requires no local matching funds, and shall be expended in accordance with all applicable federal laws, program requirements, and the terms and conditions of the 287(g) agreement.

4. The County Mayor and all other appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to accept, appropriate, and implement this funding in compliance with program requirements.

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 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at or about the following time 9:00 AM by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: Richard S. Versahl  
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 Hunter Locke.  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite, everyone voting in the affirmative added as cosponsors.  
ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.  
02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent

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Item 3  
Resolution No. 2026-02-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of February 2026.

**TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.\*\***

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Office of Homeland Security, administers the Immigration Enforcement Grant Program to support eligible local governments and law enforcement agencies engaged in lawful immigration enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is an eligible recipient under this program and has entered into a Governmental Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security for Grant Funding for Immigration Enforcement Services, identified as Agency Tracking Number 26IES09 and Edison ID 87539, with a contract term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the total grant award under this contract is Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$69,929.99) for State Fiscal Year 2026, with no federal, interdepartmental, or local matching funds required; and

WHEREAS, grant funds may be used solely for expenses directly related to immigration enforcement activities, including the purchase of law enforcement equipment, operational supplies, and capital purchases, as approved by the State's Chief Immigration Enforcement Officer and in accordance with the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the approved grant budget includes funding for capital purchases in the amount of \$59,036.00, specifically for a police vehicle and upfit package with transport capability for 287(g) Task Force officers, along with allowable operational expenses; and

WHEREAS, the grant operates on a cost-reimbursement basis, requires adherence to all state procurement, reporting, audit, and inventory requirements, and does not obligate Sullivan County to provide any local financial match; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of this funding will enhance public safety and support the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office in carrying out authorized immigration enforcement services in compliance with state and federal law.

**CONTINUED**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby approves the application for grant funding, accepts the award, and appropriates funding in the amount of \$69,929.99 from the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Office of Homeland Security, Immigration Enforcement Grant Program, for the contract period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

2. Said funds are hereby appropriated to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to support immigration enforcement services, including the purchase of approved equipment, capital items, and related operational expenses in accordance with the executed grant contract and approved grant budget.

3. This grant requires no local matching funds and shall be administered as a cost-reimbursement grant, subject to all applicable state laws, policies, reporting requirements, audit provisions, and contractual obligations.

4. The County Mayor, Sheriff, and all other appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to apply for, accept, appropriate, and administer this grant in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant contract.

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 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at or about the following time 9:00 AM by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Richard S. Venable

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 Hunter Locke

Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.

02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent

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Item 4  
Resolution No. 2026-02-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of February, 2026.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission is committed to promoting public health, safety, and community resilience through proactive emergency preparedness and lifesaving education; and

WHEREAS, AARP offers the Community Challenge Grant Program to support quick-action projects that strengthen communities, including initiatives that enhance disaster preparedness and emergency response capacity; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County, through the Sullivan County Health Council, desires to apply for funding in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) under the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program in the category of Strengthening Disaster Resilience; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will provide hands-on CPR training to community members, improving lifesaving skills that are critical during emergencies and disaster events; and

WHEREAS, grant funds, if awarded, will be used for the purchase of CPR training mannequins, participant incentives to encourage community engagement, and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to support training and emergency preparedness efforts; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require a local financial match and is not a reimbursable grant, as awarded funds are provided via direct deposit upon execution of the grant agreement and completion of required administrative documentation; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant will not obligate Sullivan County to expend local funds beyond the amount awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session:

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby authorizes the application to the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program for funding in an amount up to \$15,000.00 to support disaster resilience through hands-on CPR training and related equipment.

2. The Sullivan County Commission hereby authorizes acceptance of the grant, if awarded, and agrees to comply with all applicable terms, conditions, and reporting requirements of the grant program.

3. The Sullivan County Commission hereby appropriates the grant funds, if awarded, upon receipt via direct deposit, to the appropriate county budget line item(s) for use by the Sullivan County Health Council for the purchase of CPR mannequins, incentives, and an AED, in accordance with grant guidelines.

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 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at or about the following time 9:00 AM by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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

**Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward**  
**Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Sam Jones**  
**ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.**  
**02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent**

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Item 5  
Resolution No. 2026-02-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (TSMP) FOR THE STATE ROUTE HIGHWAY 390 AT EGYPT ROAD INTERSECTION.\*\***

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) administers the Traffic Signal Modernization Program (TSMP) to assist eligible local governments and traffic signal maintaining agencies with the modernization of existing traffic signal equipment and operations located on state routes; and

WHEREAS, the TSMP is a one hundred percent (100%) state-funded program requiring no local matching funds, with individual project awards capped at up to One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000); and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is an eligible applicant under the TSMP program and has prepared and submitted a 2025 TSMP grant application for a traffic signal modernization project located at State Route Highway 390 at Egypt Road, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the application identifies the need to modernize aging traffic signal infrastructure through eligible improvements including vehicle detection upgrades, traffic signal equipment modernization, and related operational enhancements to improve traffic flow, reduce maintenance issues, and enhance roadway safety; and

WHEREAS, all TSMP-funded projects are designed and administered by TDOT staff or TDOT on-call consultants, and Sullivan County has agreed to enter into a local maintenance agreement with TDOT for the continued maintenance of the upgraded traffic signal equipment and to share applicable traffic signal information with the Tennessee Traffic Signal Users Group (TTSUG), as required by the program; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of TSMP funding will allow Sullivan County to make critical traffic safety and operational improvements at this intersection without the expenditure of local funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session:

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby approves the application under the Tennessee Department of Transportation’s Traffic Signal Modernization Program (TSMP) for the traffic signal modernization project at State Route Highway 390 at Egypt Road.

2. The Sullivan County Commission hereby accepts any TSMP grant funds awarded, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000), to be used solely for eligible project costs approved by TDOT.

3. Said funds shall be appropriated to the Sullivan County Highway Department for project coordination, compliance, and ongoing maintenance responsibilities in accordance with TSMP requirements.

4. This project requires no local matching funds, and Sullivan County agrees to comply with all applicable grant conditions, reporting requirements, and long-term maintenance obligations associated with the TSMP award.

5. The County Mayor and other appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to apply for, accept, appropriate, and administer this TSMP grant funding.

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 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at or about the following time 9:00 AM by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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

**Sponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover**  
**Cosponsor: Commissioner Dwight King**  
ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.  
02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
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Item 6  
Resolution No. 2026-02-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (TSMP) FOR THE 11E / PINEY FLATS INTERSECTION\*\***

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) administers the Traffic Signal Modernization Program (TSMP) to assist eligible local governments and traffic signal maintaining agencies with the modernization of existing traffic signal equipment and operations located on state routes; and

WHEREAS, the TSMP is a one hundred percent (100%) state-funded program requiring no local matching funds, with individual project awards capped at up to One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000); and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is an eligible applicant under the TSMP program and has prepared and submitted a 2025 TSMP grant application for a traffic signal modernization project located at the 11E / Piney Flats intersection along a TDOT-maintained state route; and

WHEREAS, the application identifies the need to modernize aging traffic signal infrastructure through eligible improvements including vehicle detection upgrades, traffic signal equipment modernization, and related operational enhancements to improve traffic flow, reduce maintenance issues, and enhance roadway safety; and

WHEREAS, all TSMP-funded projects are designed and administered by TDOT staff or TDOT on-call consultants, and Sullivan County has agreed to enter into a local maintenance agreement with TDOT for the continued maintenance of the upgraded traffic signal equipment and to share applicable traffic signal information with the Tennessee Traffic Signal Users Group (TTSUG), as required by the program; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of TSMP funding will allow Sullivan County to make critical traffic safety and operational improvements at this intersection without the expenditure of local funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan, meeting in regular session:

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby approves the application under the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Traffic Signal Modernization Program (TSMP) for the traffic signal modernization project at the 11E / Piney Flats intersection.

2. The Sullivan County Commission hereby accepts any TSMP grant funds awarded, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000), to be used solely for eligible project costs approved by TDOT.

3. Said funds shall be appropriated to the Sullivan County Highway Department for project coordination, compliance, and ongoing maintenance responsibilities in accordance with TSMP requirements.

4. This project requires no local matching funds, and Sullivan County agrees to comply with all applicable grant conditions, reporting requirements, and long-term maintenance obligations associated with the TSMP award.

5. The County Mayor and other appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to apply for, accept, appropriate, and administer this TSMP grant funding.

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 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at or about the following time 9:00 AM by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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

**Sponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover**  
**Cosponsor: Commissioner Dwight King**

**ACTIONS:** 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.  
02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent

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Item 7  
Resolution No. 2026-02-08

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**RESOLUTION To recognize and appropriate additional funds from the State of Tennessee to fund an additional \$800 Salary Supplement for Post Certified Officers that are placed in the role of School Resource Officers in the amount of \$10,400 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with no matching funds.**

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee decided to provide an additional \$800 salary supplement for Post Certified Officers in the role of School Resource Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office only budgets for one salary supplement in the original approved budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds already paid to Sullivan County (101 R 48140) be appropriated to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office payroll accounts to cover the cost of the additional \$800 Salary Supplement for Post Certified Officers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approves, recognizes, and appropriates \$10,400 of additional funding from the State of Tennessee to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the additional Salary Supplement for Post Certified Officers in the role of School Resource Officers.**

Revenue Account: 101 R 48140  
Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 \$10,400.00

**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 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at or about the following time 9:00 AM by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

*Richard J. Venable*

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:

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

**Sponsor: Commissioner Michael Cole**

**Cosponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross**

**ACTIONS:** 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.

02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent

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Item 8  
Resolution No. 2026-02-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$300,000 FROM THE SOLID WASTE GENERAL FUND TO THE SOLID WASTE 300 ACCOUNT.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Solid Waste Department operates the Kingsport and Bristol Transfer Stations for the purpose of providing efficient and accessible waste disposal services to the citizens of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, following the reopening of the two remodeled transfer stations, the department has experienced a significant increase in public usage and overall waste intake; and

WHEREAS, the increased volume of waste has resulted in a substantial rise in landfill disposal costs paid through the Solid Waste 300 account to Waste Management; and

WHEREAS, the increased landfill activity has fully depleted the balance of the Solid Waste 300 account; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available within the Solid Waste Fund Balance to support continued operations without negatively impacting departmental services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer additional funds to ensure landfill disposal costs are covered for the remainder of the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session:

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby authorizes the transfer of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) from the Solid Waste Fund Balance to the Solid Waste 300 account.
2. Said transfer shall be used exclusively to cover landfill disposal fees for the remainder of the current fiscal year.
3. This action supports the continued operation of the Kingsport and Bristol Transfer Stations and ensures uninterrupted service to the citizens of Sullivan County.

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 19th day of February 2026.

**CONTINUED**

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at or about the following time 9:00 AM by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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

**Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King**

**Cosponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover**

**ACTIONS:** 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.  
02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 9  
Resolution No. 2026-02-10

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY  
IDENTIFIED AS 1321 IVORY STREET TAX MAP 076A/A/032.00.**

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

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the properties is \$ 4,591.77 for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$200.00 has been received from Rebecca Frazier 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 in the 13th Civil District identified as 1321 Ivory Street Tax Map 076A/A/032.00; to Rebecca Frazier for \$200.00 for the parcel in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507.

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

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

Duly adopted 19th day of February 2026.

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

  
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

**CONTINUED**

ATTEST: *Teresa Jacobs*  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at or about the following time 9:00 AM by the following method: Hand Delivered

*Teresa Jacobs*  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite  
Cosponsors: Commissioner John Gardner  
ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.  
02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 10  
Resolution No. 2026-02-11

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN ADVANCED PAYMENT POLICY FOR PROPERTY TAXES IN THE OFFICE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE.**

WHEREAS one of the primary responsibilities of the Sullivan County Trustee is to collect property taxes from taxpayers throughout Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS taxpayers have requested the ability to make advanced payments toward their property taxes before the tax rate for the current year is established; and

WHEREAS an Advanced Payment Policy will establish procedures for accepting and processing partial payments received before date the property tax rate for the current year is established and tax roll loaded into Trustee software; and

WHEREAS annually, the Sullivan County Trustee will offer taxpayers an opportunity to sign up for ACH advanced payments based on their prior year taxes; and

WHEREAS each year, February 15 will be the deadline for ACH sign-up; and monthly payments will commence in March, with the final payment for the tax year being the following February; and

WHEREAS the taxpayer will have the option to adjust the monthly payment amount once the County tax rate has been established and the tax roll loaded to Trustee software, or the option of keeping the existing payment with an adjustment to the final payment in February of each year; and

WHEREAS the Trustee, Angela Taylor, has received approval from the Comptroller's Office to implement this plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approves the establishment of an Advanced Payment Policy as established with the State Comptroller's Office for the office of the Sullivan County Trustee.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED The Advanced Payment Policy shall provide:

SECTION 1: Any partial payment of property taxes for the current year that is received before the tax roll is loaded into Trustee software for the current year shall be deposited into Liability Account #28311, "Undistributed Taxes Paid in Advance."

**CONTINUED**

SECTION 2: Any partial payment of property taxes for the then current year that is received after the tax roll is loaded into the Trustee software shall be deposited into Revenue Account #40110, "Current Property Taxes."

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 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR  
Richard S. Venall

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Mark Ireson, Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey, everyone voting in the affirmative added as cosponsors -Commissioner David Akard, Commissioner Darlene Calton, Commissioner Joe Carr, Commissioner Michael Cole, Commissioner Larry Crawford, Commissioner Andrew Cross, Commissioner Sam Jones, Commissioner John Gardner, Commissioner Daniel Horne, Commissioner Tony Leonard, Commissioner Joe McMurray, Commissioner Jessica Means, Commissioner Archie Pierce, Commissioner Gary Stidham, Commissioner Travis Ward

ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 02/19/26. 02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent

## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission February 19 2026

2/19/2026

25 Item 10  
Resolution No. 2026-02-11  
Sponsors: Glover/King  
Vote

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**Description**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN ADVANCED PAYMENT POLICY FOR PROPERTY TAXES IN THE OFFICE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE.

**Chairman**

Gardner, John

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:50:08 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:50:37 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
<b>Total result</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0 3</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
Hopper, Barry ()				X
Horne, Daniel ()	X			
Ireson, Mark ()				X
Jones, Sam ()	X			
King, Dwight ()	X			
Leonard, Tony ()	X			
Locke, Hunter ()	X			
McMurray, Joe ()	X			
Means, Jessica ()	X			
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 11  
Resolution No. 2026-02-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$139,708 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE'S PRE-TRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM.**

Whereas, the Pre-trial Services Program of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has proved a vital asset in the county's ongoing struggle to fight the financial and human costs caused by drug addiction on our community; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Opioid Advisory Committee received and reviewed a request from the SCSO Pre-trial Service Program for \$139,708 in funding for the program; and

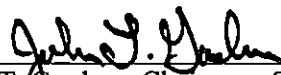
WHEREAS, the Opioid Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the full Sullivan County Commission that the request be funded.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, approves appropriation of \$139,708 from the county's Opioid Settlement Fund account to the SCSO's Pre-trial Services Program.

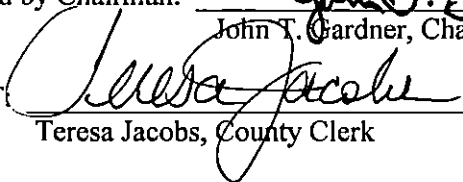
This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department. All Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted 19th day of February 2026.

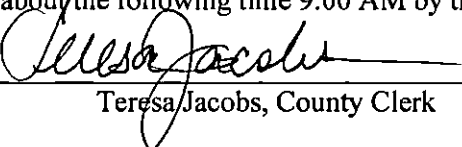
Reviewed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

  
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

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

  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 11  
Resolution No. 2026-02-12

ACTION BY MAYOR

*Richard L. Jenalik*

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

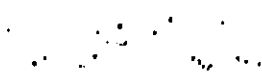
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

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day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the  
following \_\_\_\_\_ method:

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means  
Cosponsors: Darlene Calton; Commissioner Archie Pierce; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite.  
ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.  
02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent



**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 12  
Resolution No. 2026-02-13

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$544,900 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO PURCHASE THE “SNAPP-FAIN” HOUSE PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE “ANDERSON BOYS COTTAGE” AT 3389 HIGHWAY 126, BLOUNTVILLE.**

Whereas, Sullivan County’s Opioid Advisory Committee has been advised of the need to establish and operate Sullivan County Women’s Recovery Home, providing a mentored and monitored program for females recovering from substance abuse disorder; and

Whereas, similar programs and housing are offered in adjacent localities, but not in Blountville; and

WHEREAS, the committee authorized the county mayor to negotiate with the owners of property at 3389 Highway 126 – convenient walking distance to churches, potential employers, daycare, playgrounds, and parks offering opportunities for physical fitness activities; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the property and their real estate sales representative have agreed to the above price, rather than the original asking price for the unique two-dwelling property within the Blountville Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the full Sullivan County Commission that the property be purchased to provide a significant foundation for establishment of the Sullivan County Women’s Recovery Home.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, approves appropriation of \$544,900 from the county’s Opioid Settlement Fund account to purchase the property at 3389 Highway 126.

This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department. All Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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

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

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Item 12  
Resolution No. 2026-02-13

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026 at  
or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner  
Archie Pierce.

ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be considered at regular session on 02/19/26.  
02/19/26 (Regular Session) 1<sup>st</sup>-Reading

**SULLIVAN COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners  
246<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 13  
Resolution No. 2026-02-14

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$513,700 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO FAMILIES FREE.**

Whereas, Sullivan County’s Opioid Advisory Committee received and reviewed a funding request from Families Free seeking \$513,700 to establish and operate Sullivan County Women’s Recovery Home; and

Whereas, the committee voted to recommend approval of the 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 \$513,700 from the county’s Opioid Settlement Fund account to Families Free for the purposes stated above.

This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department. All Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at or about the following time 9:00 AM by the following method: Hand Delivered

Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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ACTION BY MAYOR

*Richard S. Venable*

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

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner  
Archie Pierce; Commissioner Jessica Means, everyone voting in the affirmative.  
ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be considered at regular session on 02/19/26.  
02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 21 Yes, 3 Absent

## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission February 19 2026

2/19/2026

28 Item 13  
Resolution No. 2026-02-14  
Sponsors: Ward/Crosswhite  
Vote

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**Description**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$544,900 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO PURCHASE THE "SNAPP-FAIN" HOUSE PROPERTY INCLUDING THE "ANDERSON BOYS COTTAGE" AT 3389 HIGHWAY 126, BLOUNTVILLE.

**Chairman**

Gardner, John

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:54:13 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:54:42 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	21
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	21	0
<b>Total result</b>	21	03

**Individual voting result**

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

**SULLIVAN COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners  
246th Annual Session**

Item 14  
Resolution No. 2026-02-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND THE TOWN OF MOUNT  
CARMEL, TENNESSEE, REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Solid Waste Department wishes to increase its availability of revenue-producing recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee, wishes to enter into an agreement to send recyclable materials collected within its jurisdiction to Sullivan County Solid Waste; and

WHEREAS, the term of the MOU (attached) shall end on December 1, 2027, or until termination by either party with 30 days' notice; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee.

This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department. All Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

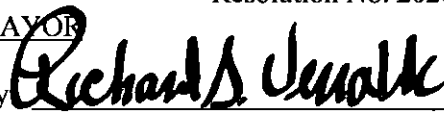
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Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 14  
Resolution No. 2026-02-15

ACTION BY MAYOR



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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Michael Cole, everyone voting in the  
affirmative added as cosponsors.  
ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.  
02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Between Sullivan County Solid Waste and Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee**  
**Regarding Acceptance of Recycling Material**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2025, by and between:

- Sullivan County Solid Waste, with offices located at 994 Cross Community Rd. Blountville, TN 37617 ("Receiving County"), and
- The Town of Mount Carmel, TN with offices located at 100 Main Street E., Mount Carmel, TN 37645 ("Sender").

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this MOU is to establish the terms and conditions under which the Receiving County will accept recyclable materials from the Sender for processing and/or disposal at Sullivan County Recycling Facility, located at 999 Cross Community Rd. Blountville, TN 37617.

**2. Scope of Agreement**

This MOU applies solely to recyclable materials as defined in Section 4 of this agreement. This does not constitute acceptance of any hazardous, non-recyclable, or solid waste materials outside the scope of mutually agreed recyclable items.

**3. Term**

This MOU shall commence on December 1, 2025 and remain in effect until December 1, 2027 or until terminated by either party with thirty (30) days' written notice.

**4. Accepted Materials**

Recyclable materials covered by this MOU include (but are not limited to):

- Paper and cardboard
- Plastics #1 through #7
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Other mutually agreed recyclable commodities.

All materials must be properly sorted and uncontaminated. Contaminated loads may be rejected or subject to fees.

**5. Responsibilities of the Sender**

- Ensure materials are pre-sorted and meet contamination thresholds set by the Receiving County.
- Maintain the recycling containers and keep the surrounding area clean and orderly.

**6. Responsibilities of the Receiving County**

- Provide recycling containers to Sender.
- Transport recyclable materials to the designated facility.
- Accept and process the recyclable materials as agreed.
- Maintain proper records of received materials.
- Notify the Sender of any contamination issues or rejected loads.
- Provide monthly reports detailing volumes and types of material delivered.

**7. Fees and Payment**

No fees will be imposed at this time.

**8. Compliance with Laws**

Both parties agree to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations concerning waste management, recycling, and transportation.

**9. Indemnification**

Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other from any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from its own negligence or willful misconduct related to this MOU.

**10. Termination**

This MOU may be terminated by either party with thirty (30) days' written notice, or immediately in the case of a material breach.

**11. Amendments**

This MOU may be amended only in writing and signed by both parties.

**12. Entire Agreement**

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this MOU on the dates set forth below:

**Sullivan County Solid Waste**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name:  
 Title:  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee**

By: John K. Gibson  
 Name: John K. Gibson  
 Title: Mayor  
 Date: 11/20/2025

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 15  
Resolution No. 2026-02-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,  
REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Solid Waste Department wishes to increase its availability of revenue-producing recyclable materials; and


WHEREAS, Wise County, Virginia, wishes to enter into an agreement to send recyclable materials collected within its jurisdiction to Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with Wise County, Virginia.

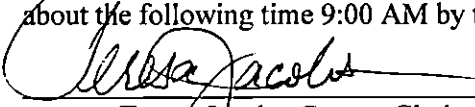
This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department. All Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST:   
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the  
following \_\_\_\_\_ method:

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Michael Cole, everyone voting in the affirmative added as cosponsors.

ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.  
02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent

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**SULLIVAN COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners  
246th Annual Session**

Item 16  
Resolution No. 2026-02-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON RIVERSIDE ROAD.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department and members of the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners have requested numerous requests for designation of a uniform speed limit of 25 miles per hour on Riverside Road, which runs between Silver Grove Road and Old Weaver Pike near Bluff City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, hereby requests the Sullivan County Highway Department to install signage indicating a 25 miles per hour speed limit on Riverside Road.

This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department. All Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the  
following \_\_\_\_\_ method:

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Tony  
Leonard; Commissioner Hershel Glover; Commissioner Dwight King.  
ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at regular session on 02/19/26.  
02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 21 Yes, 3 Absent

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 17  
Resolution No. 2026-02-18

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF CAPITAL OUTLAY NOTES NOT TO EXCEED \$1,522,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND CORRECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has acquired new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department through Capital Outlay Notes over the last several years, with the repayment of those notes being funded through the Sheriff's Department and Corrections annual operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department and Corrections current year's debt service budgets have funding of \$410,000 available to cover the first annual payment of new notes to fund the purchase of up to 24 new vehicles (the "Project") needed by the departments; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department will request debt service funding be provided in the office's operating budget sufficient to cover principal and interest payments over the life of the debt; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Parts I, IV and VI of Title 9, Chapter 21, Tennessee Code Annotated (the "Act"), local governments in Tennessee are authorized to finance the cost of this Project through the issuance and sale of interest-bearing capital outlay notes upon the approval of the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's designee; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that it is advantageous to the Local Government to authorize the issuance of capital outlay notes to finance the cost of the Project.

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

**Section 1.** For the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of the Project, the chief executive officer of the Local Government is hereby authorized in accordance with the terms of this resolution, and upon approval of the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's designee, to issue and sell interest-bearing capital outlay notes in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,522,000 (the "Notes"). The Notes shall be designated "Sheriff's Department Vehicle Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2026"; shall be numbered serially from 1 upwards; shall be dated as of the date of issuance; shall be in denomination(s) as agreed upon with the purchaser; shall be sold at not less than 99% of par value plus accrued interest if any; and shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed four per cent ( 4%) per annum, and in no event shall the rate exceed the legal limit provided by law.

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**Section 2.** The Notes shall mature three (3) fiscal years after the fiscal year of issuance and, unless otherwise approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's designee, the Notes shall be amortized through mandatory redemption in amounts reflecting level debt service on the Notes or an equal amount of principal paid in each fiscal year as is agreed upon by the chief executive officer and the Purchaser. The principal amount paid in each fiscal year shall be set forth in the form of the Note. The weighted average maturity of the Notes shall not exceed the reasonably expected weighted average life of the Project, which is hereby estimated to be four years.

**Section 3.** The Notes shall be subject to redemption at the option of the Local Government, in whole or in part, at any time, at the principal amount and accrued interest to the date of redemption, without a premium, or, if sold at par, with or without a premium of not exceeding one percent (1%) of the principal amount as determined with the purchaser.

**Section 4.** The Notes shall be direct general obligations of the Local Government, for which the punctual payment of the principal and interest on the Notes, the full faith and credit of the Local Government is irrevocably pledged, and the Local Government hereby pledges its taxing power as to all taxable property in the Local Government for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes. The Governing Body of the Local Government hereby authorizes the levy and collection of a special tax on all taxable property of the Local Government over and above all other taxes authorized by the Local Government to create a sinking fund to retire the Notes with interest as they mature in an amount necessary for that purpose.

**Section 5.** The Notes shall be executed in the name of the Local Government; shall bear the signature of the chief executive officer of the Local Government and the signature of the recording officer of the Local Government and shall be payable as to principal and interest at the office of recording officer of the Local Government or at the office of the paying agent duly appointed by the Local Government. Proceeds of the Notes shall be deposited with the official designated by law as custodian of the funds of the Local Government. All proceeds shall be paid out for financing the Project pursuant to this Resolution and as required by law.

**Section 6.** The Notes will be issued in fully registered form and that at all times during which any Note remains outstanding and unpaid, the Local Government or its agent shall keep or cause to be kept at its office a note register for the registration, exchange or transfer of the Notes. The note register, if held by an agent of the Local Government, shall at all times be open for inspection by the Local Government or any duly authorized officer of the Local Government. Each Note shall have the qualities and incidents of a negotiable instrument and shall be transferable only upon the note register kept by the Local Government or its agent, by the registered owner of the Note in person or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon presentation and surrender to the Local Government or its agent together with a written instrument or transfer satisfactory to the Local Government duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's duly authorized attorney. Upon the transfer of any such Note, the Local Government shall issue in the name of the transferee a new registered note or notes of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity as the surrendered Notes. The Local Government shall not be obligated to make any such Note transfer during the fifteen (15) days next preceding an interest payment date on the Notes or, in the case of any redemption of the Notes, during the forty-five (45) days next preceding the date of redemption.

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**Section 7.** The Notes shall be in substantially the form attached as Attachment 1 with only changes as are necessary or appropriate to comply with the requirements of the purchaser thereof as determined by the chief executive officer.

**Section 8.** The Notes shall be sold through the informal bid process provided in Tenn. Code Ann. Section 9-21-609.

**Section 9.** The Notes shall not be sold until receipt of the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee's written approval for the sale of the Notes.

**Section 10.** The chief executive officer is authorized to designate the Notes as qualified tax-exempt obligations for the purpose of Section 265(b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 if so eligible to be designated.

**Section 11.** After the sale of the Notes, and for each year that any of the Notes are outstanding, the Local Government shall prepare an annual budget and budget ordinance in a form consistent with accepted governmental standards and as approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's designee. The budget shall be kept balanced during the life of the Notes and shall appropriate sufficient monies to pay all annual debt service. The annual budget and ordinance shall be submitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's designee immediately upon its adoption; however, it shall not become the official budget for the fiscal year until such budget is approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee in accordance with Title 9, Chapter 21, Tennessee Code Annotated (the "Statutes"). If the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's designee determines that the budget does not comply with the Statutes, the Governing Body shall adjust its estimates or make additional tax levies sufficient to comply with the Statutes, or as directed by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's designee.

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

Duly adopted this 19th day of February 2026.

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

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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ACTION BY MAYOR

*Richard S. Venokk*

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

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

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day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the  
following \_\_\_\_\_ method:

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Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross**

**Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Jessica Means**

02/12/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 02/19/26.

02/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 19 Yes, 2 Abstain (for cause), 3 Absent

## Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission February 19 2026

2/19/2026

32 Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-02-18 Sponsors: Cross/Stidham  
Vote

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**Description**

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF CAPITAL OUTLAY NOTES NOT TO EXCEED \$1,522,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND CORRECTIONS

**Chairman**

Gardner, John

**Total vote result**

**Voting start time** 7:57:04 PM  
**Voting stop time** 7:57:50 PM  
**Voting configuration** Vote  
**Voting mode** Open  
**Vote result**

Yes	19
Abstain	2
No	0
Total Present	21
Absent	3

**Group voting result**

Group	Yes	Abstain	Absent
No group	19	2	0
<b>Total result</b>	19	2	03

**Individual voting result**

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

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**AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 8:05 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CALTON TO MEET AGAIN IN WORK SESSION ON MARCH 12, 2026.**

  
JOHN T. GARDNER

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN