

COUNTY COMMISSION-REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 19, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT:

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

TO WIT:

The Commission was called to order by Commissioner Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sheriff Jeff Cassidy opened the commission, and Commissioner Crawford gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND ANSWERING ROLL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

DARLENE CALTON	MARK IRESON
JOE CARR	SAM JONES
	DWIGHT KING
LARRY CRAWFORD	
	MICHAEL HUNTER LOCKE
JOYCE CROSSWHITE	JOE MCMURRAY
	JESSICA MEANS
HERSHEL GLOVER	ARCHIE PIERCE
CHERYL HARVEY	GARY STIDHAM
DAVID HAYES	ZANE VANOVER
BARRY HOPPER	TRAVIS WARD

18 PRESENT, 6 ABSENT

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: AKARD, COLE, CROSS, GARDNER, HORNE, LEONARD

NOTE: AKARD IN @ 6:14 PM, CROSS IN @ 6:20 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. Crawford, and seconded by Comm. Calton to approve the minutes of the Work Session (there were no rezonings) held on February 12, 2026, and the minutes of the Regular Session held on February 19, 2026. There was Approved 18 Yes, 6 Absent.

Affidavit of Publication

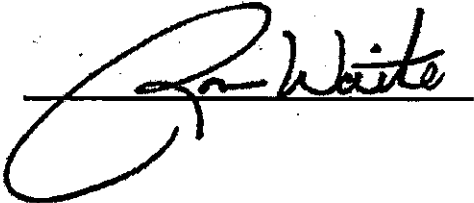
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County of Sullivan, State of Tennessee

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:

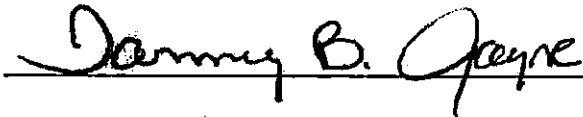
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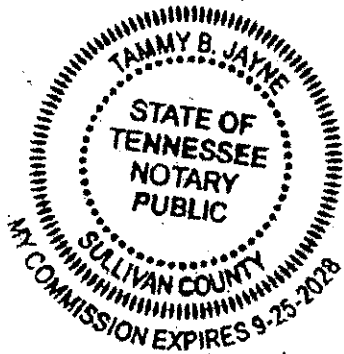


Ron Waite

Signed and sworn to before me
on 03/05/2026



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 MARCH 2026

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Notice is hereby given to all members of the Board of County Commissioners, all residents of Sullivan County, Tennessee, and to any and all other persons interested, that two (2) open, public meetings of the Board of County Commission of Sullivan County will be held at the regular meeting place of the Board at the Courthouse in Blountville, Tennessee during the month of March 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, March 12, 2026, and the monthly Regular Session will commence at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, March 19, 2026. Any person wishing to provide public comment at such meetings shall sign up on the provided sign-up 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: 3/5/26

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission March 19 2026

3/19/2026

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 6:02:07 PM
Voting stop time 6:02:30 PM
Voting configuration Roll Call - Attendances
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Present	18
Total Present	18
Total Seats	28
Absent	6

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	18	0
Total result	18	<i>86</i>

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
March 19, 2026
6:00 p.m.

COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Chairman Pro Tempore Zane Vanover 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 for February 12, 2026, Rezoning Hearing; February 19, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- ❖ Presentations & Recognitions
 - 1) Recognition of high school students who participated in the Club America Tri-Cities Hub, a Turning Point USA high school chapter, Mock County Commission earlier today – Commissioner Jessica Means.
- ❖ Public Hearing on agenda items.
- ❖ Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- ❖ Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) *Comm. Ireson moved to remove Item #8 from Consent Agenda*
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

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 March 19, 2026

WENDY ADAMS	KYLE ANDREW HAM
ALAN WAYNE BAGLEY	REBECCA J HENNESSEE
ASHLEE DAWN BAILEY	KENNETH EDWARD HILL
KOURTNEY B BAKER	GREGORY GC HUTSON
CAITLIN BARTON	VALERIE J JACKSON
BRANDI M. BENTLEY	LESLIE KEENE
CHARLIE BIRCH	RICKY MORGAN KISER
HOLLY G. BLAND	NICOLE LAWRENCE
EUNIECE A BLANKENSHIP	ANNA M LEAÑO
LINDSEY BOLTON	ELIZABETH T. LIETZKE
JENNIFER L BOOHER	HAILEY MARTEL
THERESA B BROOKS	KIMBERLY M. MATHESON
SARAH BETH BROWN	STACY HUTTON MINOR
WHITNEY BUCKLES	MICHAEL LEE MOUNTS
COOPER CARRIER	LORI A. PRICE
MELISSA RENAE COTTER	SABRINA NICOLE REMINE
ZACHARY DOSS	VICKI LYNN ROSS
KELI ECKER	AMANDA KATHERINE ROWLETT
ELIZABETH S EVANS	MADISON SCHWARTZ
AMBER FEAGINS	NICOLE DAWN SEIPEL
TONYA J FLETCHER	AMY SUZANNE STEVENS
S. JANE GAMMON	MICHELLE STEWART
TAMMY MICHELLE GRADY	BRITTANY STRINGER
PAMELA GRANTHAM	AMANDA RAE TIMBES
JAMES M. GREGORY	CASSANDRA DESIREE TOWNSEND
ARROW LYN GUENTHER	TAYLOR VANDERGRIF
KRISTI L. HALL	BECKY VEST
CARRIE ELIZABETH HALL	JAMES F. WHITE

PERSONAL SURETY

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMM. GLOVER AND SECONDED BY COMM. KING, THE NOTARY APPLICATIONS HEREON WERE APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. 18 YES, 6 ABSENT

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission March 19 2026

3/19/2026

5 Approval of Notaries Public

Description Approval of Notaries Public

Chairman Gardner, John

218

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:05:26 PM

Voting stop time 6:06:06 PM

Voting configuration Vote

Voting mode Open

Vote result

Motion to approve by Comm. Glover
2nd by Comm. King

Yes	18
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	18
Absent	6

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	18	0
Total result	18	0

Individual voting result

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

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission March 19 2026

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12 Approval of Minutes

Description

Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: February 12, 2026, Rezoning Hearing and Work Session; February 19, 2026 Monthly Meeting.

Chairman

Gardner, John

219

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:06:31 PM
Voting stop time 6:07:01 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

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

Yes	18
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	18
Absent	6

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	18	0
Total result	18	0/6

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
Monthly Meeting
Non Agenda Public Comments
 March 19, 2026

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION

	Name	Street Address	City	✓
1	Todd Broughton	3348 Cardinal St	KPT TN	
2	Chuck Carter	455 W. Sullivan Street	Kpt TN	
3	Dominick Kasmauskas	1917 Hutchenson Dr.	Kpt TN	
4	Jerry Fleenor	275 Hillsboro Rd	Bluff TN	
5	(Last Please)			
6	Hershel Glover	488 Possum Cr	Bluff City, TN	
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9				
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11				
12				

Sullivan County Schools Facilities and Capital Projects 2025-2026

Completed

- HVAC for Emmett Cafeteria
- Compressor at WRHS
- Awning at BCES
- MPES HVAC
- Repair Work on Boiler #1 at SEHS

In Progress

- Safety Vestibule at BCES
- Refinish on gym floor at WRHS
- Dropout on track at WRHS

Priority Needs

- SHMS Boiler
- SEHS Chiller
- SHMS Switchgear
- SEHS Switchgear
- RSES Switchgear
- RSES Boiler
- CHES Switchgear

Item 8 Resolution No. 2026-03-07 (To be Removed from Consent and Amended) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Ireson/Calton

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ~~ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENT GRANT PROGRAM (RFA #34301-17626) IN THE PHASE B – INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CATEGORY FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SULLIVAN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL~~

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-03-08 (WAIVER OF RULES) **FAILED**

Sponsors: Means/Ward

RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE PETTY JOHN ROAD BRIDGE IN HONOR OF CLP DONALD R. GONCE, USMC

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-03-09 (WAIVER OF RULES) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Glover/Vanover

RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRSDUE SOFTWARE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-03-10 (WAIVER OF RULES) **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Jones/Akard

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET FOR REPAIRS TO THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE KINGSPORT OFFICE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-03-11 **APPROVED**

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS THEREOF AND THE DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS THEREFROM; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS.

(PLEASE NOTE: For distribution during the Commission meeting, Item 12, Resolution No. 2026-03-11, will be printed separately due to the length of documents required for inclusion therein.)

Board of Commissioners
Sullivan County, Tennessee
March 19, 2026
CONSENT AGENDA

Item 2 Resolution No. 2026-03-01 (CONSENT)

Sponsors: McMurray/Crawford

RESOLUTION TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO STATE LAW (TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED §67-5-2404)

Item 3 Resolution No. 2026-03-02 (CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$10,000 IN STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA (SAEF) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING AS A PROFESSION (TAP) PROGRAM

Item 4 Resolution No. 2026-03-03 (CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$20,000 IN TENNESSEE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (TYEP) GRANT FUNDS FROM VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Item 5 Resolution No. 2026-03-04 (CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$130,638 IN GEAR UP GRANT FUNDS FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Item 6 Resolution No. 2026-03-05 (CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND

Item 7 Resolution No. 2026-03-06 (CONSENT)

Sponsors: King/Glover

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC) FOR THE HURRICANE HELENE SOLID WASTE AND DEBRIS MANAGEMENT GRANT

Item 8 Resolution No. 2026-03-07 (To be removed from consent for amendment)

Sponsors: Ireson/Calton

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ~~ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENT GRANT PROGRAM (RFA #34301-17626) IN THE PHASE B – INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CATEGORY FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SULLIVAN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL~~

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission March 19 2026

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6 Consent Agenda

Description

Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) Item 8 was removed from
 Consent by Sponsor 225

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:35:26 PM
Voting stop time 6:35:42 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Motion to approve by Comm. Jones
 2nd by Comm. Means

Yes	20
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	20	0
Total result	20	04

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 01
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 19th 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 ____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner 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) 1st Reading; 03/12/26 (Work Session) To be withdrawn at Regular Session on 03/19/26; 03/19/26 (Regular Session) Sponsor moved to withdraw.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-03-01

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

RESOLUTION TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO STATE LAW (TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED §67-5-2404)

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. §67-5-2404, Angela Taylor, Sullivan County Trustee, with the approval of Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, appointed Jim Williams, Attorney at Law (dba Jim Williams & Associates, Attorneys at Law, LLC.) as Delinquent Tax Attorney for Sullivan County effective May 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, when accepting the position, Jim Williams, Attorney at Law, began service as Delinquent Tax Attorney at a reduced rate of compensation; and

WHEREAS, Jim Williams, Attorney at Law, has represented the County well in this position by working with the Clerk & Master's office to hold three county tax sales to date; by frequently assisting the Trustee's office with various delinquent tax matters; and by assisting the Mayor's office with the sale of properties outside of county tax sales; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. §67-5-2404 the County Commission for Sullivan County must confirm the terms of compensation for such Delinquent Tax Attorney as negotiated by the Sullivan County Trustee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby confirms the terms of compensation as set out below the for Delinquent Tax Attorney, Jim Williams, Attorney at Law (dba Jim Williams & Associates, Attorneys at Law, LLC.).

Terms of Compensation:

- ◆ As allowed by Tennessee statute, the Delinquent Tax Attorney will receive compensation of ten percent (10 %) of all delinquent taxes paid; said payment of delinquent taxes may be from voluntary payment or by judicial sale.
- ◆ When Sullivan County bids in property from a tax sale, fees for the Delinquent Tax Attorney will not be applied during the County's possession of the property nor will the attorney be compensated until Sullivan County resells the property to a third party.
- ◆ The Delinquent Tax Attorney will be entitled to such allowances that the Court may direct pursuant to the authority of T.C.A. §8-21-404, T.C.A. §8-21-801 and T.C.A. §67-5-2410(c)(3) and (d).
- ◆ The Sullivan County Trustee may terminate the contractual client/attorney relationship at any time, for any reason, or for no reason, with thirty-day written notice to the Delinquent Tax Attorney. For purposes herein said "date of termination" will be established as the "30-day date" established in the written notice.

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- ◆ Said compensation for Delinquent Tax Attorney services, current and future, will cease immediately upon date of termination.
- ◆ As of the date of termination, no future compensation will be due to the attorney from forthcoming county tax sales, regardless of prior work performed or suits filed.
- ◆ Within sixty (60) days of the date of termination, said Delinquent Tax Attorney will file with Sullivan County Chancery Court the proper documentation to receive all compensation due as of the date of termination.

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 March 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: Zane Vanover
Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of March, 2026, at or about the following time 10:00 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

Sponsored By: Commissioner Joe McMurray
Cosponsors: Commissioner Larry Crawford; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey.

ACTIONS: 03/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 03/19/26; 03/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 20 Yes, 4 Absent

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 03
 Resolution No. 2026-03-02

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$10,000 IN STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA (SAEF) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING AS A PROFESSION (TAP) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD), through its State Apprenticeship Agency (Office of Apprenticeship), administers the State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula (SAEF) grant program; and

WHEREAS, SAEF programs are designed to assist employers in building a skilled workforce of new and incumbent employees to meet specific labor market needs; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools is committed to preparing students for high-demand careers through Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan East High School currently operates the "Teaching as a Profession" (TAP) program, a critical pipeline for developing future educators within our community; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has been awarded \$10,000.00 in SAEF funding through the First Tennessee Development District to support students participating in the Teaching as a Profession program at Sullivan East High School; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be utilized to provide stipends to students who are participating in the TAP program and serving in local elementary schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 19th day of March, 2026, that the sum of \$10,000.00 be accepted from the First Tennessee Development District through the SAEF Grant and the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended as follows to appropriate said funds:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790	Other Vocational Grants	+10,000.00
71300-189	Other Salaries & Wages	+9,290.00
71300-201	Social Security Tax	+576.00
71300-212	Employer Medicare	+134.00

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-03-02

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted 19th day of March 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: Zane Vanover
Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of March, 2026 at or about the following time 10:00 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

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Comm. Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Comm. Larry Crawford, Comm. Joyce Crosswhite, Comm. Cheryl Harvey, Comm. Mark Ireson, Comm. Sam Jones, Comm. Jessica Means, Comm. Gary Stidham
ACTIONS: 03/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 03/19/26; 03/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 20 Yes, 4 Absent

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-03-03

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$20,000 IN TENNESSEE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (TYEP) GRANT FUNDS FROM VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD), Workforce Services Division, and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) support local efforts to increase youth employment through the Tennessee Youth Employment Program (TYEP); and

WHEREAS, the TYEP grant is a strategic initiative designed to lessen the effects of poverty and ensure that youth with disabilities gain valuable work experience and develop productive workplace habits to prepare them for future careers; and

WHEREAS, this program specifically aims to expand opportunities for teens and young adults with disabilities who might otherwise struggle to find gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has been awarded \$20,000.00 in TYEP grant funding through the First Tennessee Development District to support student employment initiatives; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be utilized to provide stipends for students in the Work Based Learning program who are working within Sullivan County Schools; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will allow students to build essential job skills in real-world environments while receiving financial compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 19th day of March, 2026, that the sum of \$20,000.00 be accepted from the Tennessee Youth Employment Program and Vocational Rehabilitation and amended as follows to appropriate said funds:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790	Other Vocational Grants	+20,000.00
71300-189	Other Salaries & Wages	+18,579.00
71300-201	Social Security Tax	+1,152.00
71300-212	Employer Medicare	+269.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

CONTINUED

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 March 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: Zane Vanover
Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of March, 2026 at or about the following time 10:00 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
Richard S. Venable, Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Comm. Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Comm. Larry Crawford, Comm. Joyce Crosswhite, Comm. Cheryl Harvey, Comm. Mark Ireson, Comm. Sam Jones, Comm. Jessica Means, Comm. Gary Stidam
ACTIONS: 03/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 03/19/26;
03/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 20 Yes, 4 Absent

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Item 05
 Resolution No. 2026-03-04

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$130,638 IN GEAR UP GRANT FUNDS FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools has entered into an agreement with East Tennessee State University (ETSU) to participate in the GEAR UP project, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the GEAR UP project is a strategic initiative designed to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools will receive annual funding to provide comprehensive student and family programming, including college visits, career exploration, academic support, and FAFSA workshops; and

WHEREAS, this funding will also support professional development for faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Education and ETSU have allocated **\$130,638.00** for Year 1 (FY26) of the grant to Sullivan County Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 19th day of March, 2026, that the sum of **\$130,638.00** be accepted from the GEAR UP Grant and amended as follows to appropriate said funds:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790	Other Vocational Grants	+130,638.00
71300-355	Local Travel	\$ 5,000.00
71300-429	Instructional Supp & Mtls	\$ 23,638.00
71300-449	Textbooks	\$ 10,000.00
71300-471	Software	\$ 15,000.00
71300-730	Instructional Equipment	\$ 15,000.00
72130-189	Other Salaries & Wages	\$ 10,287.00
72130-201	Social Security	\$ 638.00
72130-204	Retirement	\$ 925.84

72130-212	Medicare	\$ 149.16
72130-315	Contracts with Bus Owners	\$ 20,000.00
72130-524	Staff Development	\$ 15,000.00
72230-355	District Travel	\$ 15,000.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this 19th day of March 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: Zane Vanover
Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of March, 2026, at or about the following time 10:00 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
Richard S. Venable, Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Comm. Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Comm. Larry Crawford, Comm. Joyce Crosswhite, Comm. Cheryl Harvey, Comm. Mark Ireson, Comm. Sam Jones, Comm. Jessica Means, Comm. Gary Stidham
ACTIONS: 03/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 03/19/26;
03/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 20 Yes, 4 Absent

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-03-05

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

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their August sessions a resolution recognizing the Innovative School Models Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were \$710,594.76; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant’s original budget to meet the demands of the program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71100-722-717	Regular Instruction Equip	+6,300.00
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-20,300.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+17,000.00
72230-399-717	Other Contracted Services	+8,000.00
76100-706-717	Building Construction	-25,000.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	+14,000.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted 19th day of March 2026.

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-03-05

Reviewed by Chairman: Zane Venable
Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of March, 2026 at or about the following time 10:00 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
Richard S. Venable, Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Comm. Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Comm. Larry Crawford, Comm. Joyce Crosswhite, Comm. Cheryl Harvey, Comm. Mark Ireson, Comm. Sam Jones, Comm. Jessica Means, Comm. Gary Stidham
ACTIONS: 03/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 03/19/26;
03/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 20 Yes, 4 Absent

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-03-06

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

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC) FOR THE HURRICANE HELENE SOLID WASTE AND DEBRIS MANAGEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has made available funding through the **Hurricane Helene Solid Waste and Debris Management Grant** to assist local governments with strengthening solid waste infrastructure and improving preparedness and response capabilities for future disaster events; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County recognizes the importance of maintaining a resilient and efficient solid waste management system capable of responding to increased debris and waste streams generated during natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, funding from this program may be used to support infrastructure and equipment improvements that enhance disaster preparedness and operational efficiency at solid waste facilities, including but not limited to paving, fencing, roll-off containers, and basic equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Hurricane Helene Solid Waste and Debris Management Grant is a **non-matching grant**, allowing Sullivan County to apply for and receive funding without the requirement of local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County intends to apply for funding in the amount of **Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$357,142.86)** to support improvements and equipment that will strengthen the County's ability to mitigate the impacts of future disaster events and manage debris efficiently; and

WHEREAS, upon award of the grant, the **Sullivan County Finance Department will assign the appropriate accounting codes** to properly receive, track, and appropriate the grant funds in accordance with County financial policies and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Commission assembled in regular session this 19th day of March, 2026:

1. Sullivan County is hereby authorized to **apply for funding from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) through the Hurricane Helene Solid Waste and Debris Management Grant Program.**
2. If awarded, Sullivan County is authorized to **accept the grant in the amount of up to \$357,142.86**, with the understanding that the grant **requires no local matching funds.**
3. The grant funds are hereby **appropriated for eligible solid waste infrastructure and equipment improvements** intended to enhance disaster preparedness and debris management capabilities, including but not limited to paving, fencing, roll-off containers, and basic equipment.

- 4. The Sullivan County Finance Department is authorized to assign the necessary accounting codes and administer the financial aspects of this grant in accordance with County policies.
- 5. The County Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the application process, accept the grant if awarded, and implement the program.

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 March 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: Zane Vanover
Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of March, 2026, at or about the following time 10:00 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
Richard S. Venable, Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Comm. Dwight King
Co-Sponsor: Comm. Hershel Glover
ACTIONS: 03/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 03/19/26;
03/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Consent 20 Yes, 4 Absent

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-03-07

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

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ~~ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENT GRANT PROGRAM (RFA #34301-17626) IN THE PHASE B – INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CATEGORY FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SULLIVAN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL~~

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Health administers the Healthy Built Environment Grant Program to support projects that improve community health by creating or enhancing built environments that encourage physical activity, community resilience, and public health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Phase B – Infrastructure Design and Construction category of this program provides funding of up to Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for projects that increase access to safe opportunities for physical activity through the design and construction of publicly accessible infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County proposes to revitalize the existing tennis courts located at Sullivan Heights Middle School in the Colonial Heights community by converting the aging courts into modern, multi-use tennis and pickleball courts that will serve both students and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the project will transform an underutilized recreational facility into a safe and accessible space that promotes active living, encourages outdoor recreation, and supports improved physical and mental health outcomes for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the revitalized courts will support school wellness initiatives during the school day while remaining available to the public during evenings, weekends, and school breaks, thereby maximizing the use of existing public infrastructure and strengthening community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County desires to submit an application to the Tennessee Department of Health requesting funding in an amount not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) under the Healthy Built Environment Grant Program, Phase B – Infrastructure Design and Construction category, to support the design and construction associated with the court revitalization project; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity is a reimbursable grant, meaning Sullivan County will incur eligible project expenses and request reimbursement from the Tennessee Department of Health upon completion and submission of proper documentation; and

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WHEREAS, if awarded, the Sullivan County Finance Department will establish and assign appropriate account codes to properly administer and track all grant revenues and expenditures associated with the project.

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

1. The County Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to apply for funding through the Tennessee Department of Health Healthy Built Environment Grant Program (RFA #34301-17626) in the Phase B – Infrastructure Design and Construction category for the Sullivan Heights Middle School tennis and pickleball court revitalization project.
- ~~2. If the grant is awarded, the County Mayor is authorized to accept the grant on behalf of Sullivan County and to execute any documents necessary to carry out the purposes of the grant in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.~~
- ~~3. Grant funds in an amount up to Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) are hereby appropriated for the purpose of completing the infrastructure design and construction improvements associated with the tennis and pickleball court revitalization project.~~
- ~~4. The Sullivan County Finance Department shall assign the appropriate revenue and expenditure account codes necessary to properly administer the grant funds and ensure compliance with all financial reporting 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 19th day of March 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: Zane Vanover
Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of March, 2026, at or about the following time 10:00 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
Richard S. Venable, Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton
ACTIONS: 03/12/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 03/19/26;
03/19/26 (Regular Session) Sponsor moved to remove from Consent and amended to strikeout the words *ACCEPT IF AWARDED AND APPROPRIATE* in the heading of the resolution, as well as paragraphs 2,3, and 4 in the body of the resolution. Approved on Waiver of Rules 20 Yes, 4 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission March 19 2026

3/19/2026

23 Item 8 Resolution No. 2026-03-07 Sponsors: Ireson/Calton
Vote

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Description

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING

FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENT

GRANT PROGRAM (RFA #34301-17626) IN THE PHASE B – INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN

AND CONSTRUCTION CATEGORY FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF TENNIS AND

PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SULLIVAN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:38:58 PM
Voting stop time 6:39:14 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	20
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	20	0
Total result	20	0

Individual voting result

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

Agenda subject voting report

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Meeting name

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3/19/2026

Name	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
Pierce, Archie ()	X			
Stidham, Gary ()	X			
Vanover, Zane ()	X			
Ward, Travis ()	X			

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-03-08

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

RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE PETTY JOHN ROAD BRIDGE IN HONOR OF LCPL DONALD R. GONCE, USMC.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission recognizes the importance of honoring individuals whose service and sacrifice have made a lasting impact on the citizens and communities of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Donald R. Gonce served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, demonstrating courage, dedication, and commitment to defending the freedoms of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Lance Corporal Gonce continued to be a valued member of the local community, exemplifying the values of service, integrity, and patriotism; and forming Indian Springs Optimist Club, which is coming upon its 40th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission finds it fitting and appropriate to recognize the life, service and legacy of Lance Corporal Donald R. Gonce by dedicating a bridge in his honor so that future generations may remember his commitment to both country and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Commission, assembled in regular session on the 19th day of March, 2026:

- 1) The bridge located on Petty John Road in Sullivan County, Tennessee, shall be designated as the "LCpl Donald R. Gonce, USMC Memorial Bridge."
- 2) Appropriate signage shall be installed identifying the bridge as the "LCpl Donald R. Gonce, USMC Memorial Bridge."
- 3) The Clerk of the Sullivan County Commission shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Tennessee Department of Transportation and any other appropriate agencies for coordination of signage and recognition.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted ____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-03-08

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Cosponsors: Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 03/12/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at Regular Session on 03/19/26; 03/19/26 (Regular Session) Failed 12 Yes, 7 Abstain, 1 No, 4 Absent. Commissioner Ireson made a motion to suspend the rules to refile Item #9 at today's (03/19/26) meeting. Vote was taken on suspending the rule and approved 17 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstain, 4 Absent. Sponsor made a motion to consider on 1st Reading at next month's meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Locke.

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission March 19 2026

3/19/2026

24 Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-03-08 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Gardner
Vote

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Description

RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE PETTY JOHN ROAD BRIDGE IN HONOR OF CLP

DONALD R. GONCE, USMC

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:47:08 PM
Voting stop time 6:48:03 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	12
Abstain	7
No	1
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Abstain	No	Absent
No group	12	7	1	0
Total result	12	7	1	0

Individual voting result

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion was made by Commissioner Ireson to suspend the rules to refile Item #9 248
 at today's (03/19/26) meeting.
 2nd by Commissioner Locke

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

<u>4</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	PASS

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-03-09

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

RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRSTDUE SOFTWARE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County relies on dedicated volunteer fire departments and rescue squads to provide critical emergency response services to the residents and visitors of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, effective coordination, documentation, and management of volunteer emergency services is essential for operational readiness, compliance with training requirements, incident reporting, and resource management; and

WHEREAS, the FirstDue Software platform provides centralized digital solution tracking, personnel records, response reporting, scheduling, and administrative functions for volunteer fire and rescue agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Software was initially purchased by Sullivan County utilizing ARPA funding for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year to bring all volunteer fire departments and rescue squads onto one singular software platform, managed by the Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, implementation of such software will improve operational efficiency, enhance accountability and strengthen coordination between volunteer fire departments, rescue squads and the Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency; and


WHEREAS, the continuation of the software will provide long-term benefits in improving data management, reporting capabilities, and operational preparedness for emergency response organizations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on the 19th day of March 2026 hereby approve allocating the funds to continue the operations within FirstDue up to the amount of \$53,135.37 for the FY2627 budget year. Account Codes to be assigned by the Director of Accounts and Budgets.

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 March 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman:


Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: 
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of March, 2026, at or about the following time 10:00 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

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover.
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Jessica Means; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Andrew Cross; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Tony Leonard; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Larry Crawford; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite, everyone voting in the affirmative.

ACTIONS: 03/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at Regular Session on 03/19/26; 03/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 20 Yes, 4 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission March 19 2026

3/19/2026

25 Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-03-09 Sponsors: Glover/Vanover
Vote

251

Description RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
FIRSTDUE SOFTWARE FOR

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS.

Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 6:54:01 PM
Voting stop time 6:54:24 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes -	20
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

Group	Yes	Absent
No group	20	0
Total result	20	4

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. 2026-03-10

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET FOR REPAIRS TO THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE KINGSPORT OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Health Department’s Kingsport office has experienced a critical equipment failure to the HVAC system’s heat exchanger during the extremely cold temperatures in recent months; and

WHEREAS, the extreme environmental conditions caused the facility’s generator to be inoperable during a power outage resulting in freezing of the tubs within the heat exchanger; and

WHEREAS, two HVAC companies have been consulted to estimate the cost of repair, the lowest of which was up to \$90,000; and

WHEREAS, the damage to the HVAC system is not covered by the equipment’s warranty and the Health Department’s existing capital out budget is insufficient to cover the unforeseen repair costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session, hereby approve amending the 2025-2026 fiscal year General Fund budget by \$90,000 to be funded from fund balance and to increase the appropriations in the Health Department’s capital outlay account (account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department).

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly passed and approved this 19th day of March 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: Zane Vanover
Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of March 2026 at or about the following time 10:00 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: _____
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

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Sam Jones
Cosponsors: Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Zane Vanover.

ACTIONS: 03/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at Regular Session on 03/19/26; 03/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 20 Yes, 4 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission March 19 2026

3/19/2026

26 Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-03-10 Sponsors: Jones/Akard
Vote

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Description RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET FOR REPAIRS TO THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE KINGSPORT OFFICE.

Chairman Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:01:48 PM
Voting stop time 7:02:11 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	20
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

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

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 12
Resolution No. 2026-03-11

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS THEREOF AND THE DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS THEREFROM; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County, Tennessee (the “County”) has previously issued and there is currently outstanding its General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, dated March 30, 2017 (the “Outstanding Bonds”) issued pursuant to Sections 49-3-1001 et seq., Tennessee Code Annotated; and

WHEREAS, counties in Tennessee are authorized by Sections 9-21-101 et seq., Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, to issue, by resolution, bonds to refund, redeem or make principal and interest payments on their previously issued bonds, notes, or other obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County has determined that all or a portion of the Outstanding Bonds can be refunded, which will result in a cost savings to the public; and

WHEREAS, the plan of said refunding has been submitted to the Director of Local Finance as required by Section 9-21-903, Tennessee Code Annotated, and said report on the plan of refunding has been made available to the Board of County Commissioners of the County; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board of Commissioners of the County to adopt this resolution for the purpose of authorizing general obligation school refunding bonds for said purposes, providing for the issuance, sale and payment of said bonds, establishing the terms thereof, and the disposition of proceeds therefrom, providing for the levy of a tax for the payment of principal thereof, premium, if any, and interest thereon, and providing for the issuance of said bonds in one or more series.

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

Section 1. Authority. The bonds authorized by this resolution are issued pursuant to Sections 9-21-101 et seq., Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, and other applicable provisions of law.

Section 2. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings in this resolution unless the text expressly or by necessary implication requires otherwise:

(a) “Bonds” means the approximately General Obligation School Refunding Bonds of the County authorized herein, to be dated their date of issuance, and have such series designation or such other dated date as shall be determined by the County Mayor pursuant to Section 8 hereof;

(b) “Book-Entry Form” or “Book-Entry System” means a form or system, as applicable, under which physical bond certificates in fully registered form are issued to a Depository, or to its nominee as Registered Owner, with the certificate of bonds being held by and “immobilized” in the custody of such Depository, and under which records maintained by persons, other than the County or the Registration

Agent, constitute the written record that identifies, and records the transfer of, the beneficial “book-entry” interests in those bonds;

- (c) “County” means Sullivan County, Tennessee;
- (d) “Debt Management Policy” means the Debt Management Policy heretofore adopted by the Governing Body;
- (e) “Depository” means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal laws operating and maintaining, with its participants or otherwise, a Book-Entry System, including, but not limited to, DTC;
- (f) “DTC” means the Depository Trust Company, a limited purpose company organized under the laws of the State of New York, and its successors and assigns;
- (g) “DTC Participant(s)” means securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that have access to the DTC System;
- (h) “Escrow Agent” means the escrow agent appointed by the County Mayor, or its successor;
- (i) “Governing Body” means the Board of County Commissioners of the County;
- (j) “Municipal Advisor” for the Bonds authorized herein means Stephens Inc.;
- (k) “Outstanding Bonds” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble;
- (l) “Refunded Bonds” means the maturities or portions of maturities of the Outstanding Bonds designated by the County Mayor pursuant to Section 8 hereof;
- (m) “Refunding Escrow Agreement” shall mean the Refunding Escrow Agreement, dated as of the date of the Bonds, to be entered into by and between the County and the Escrow Agent, in the form of the document attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit A, subject to such changes therein as shall be permitted by Section 11 hereof;
- (n) “Registration Agent” means the registration and paying agent appointed by the County Mayor pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or any successor designated by the Governing Body; and
- (o) “State Director” shall mean the Director of Local Finance for the State of Tennessee.

Section 3. Findings of the Governing Body; Compliance with Debt Management Policy.

(a) The Governing Body finds that the issuance of the Bonds to refund the Outstanding Bonds is advisable because it will result in the reduction in debt service payable by the County over the term of the Outstanding Bonds.

(b) The refunding report of the State Director has been presented to the members of the Governing Body in connection with their consideration of this resolution. The estimated proposed amortization and costs of issuance of the Bonds is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The foregoing estimates are subject to change pursuant to Section 8 hereof.

(c) It is advantageous to the County to deposit proceeds from the sale of the Bonds and other funds of the County, if any, with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Refunding Escrow Agreement, which, together with investment income thereon, will be sufficient to pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Bonds.

Section 4. Authorization and Terms of the Bonds.

(a) For the purpose of providing funds to (i) refund the Refunded Bonds; and (ii) pay costs incident to the issuance and sale of the Bonds, there is hereby authorized to be issued bonds, in one or more series, of the County in a principal amount sufficient to accomplish the purposes thereof. The Bonds shall be issued in one or more series, in fully registered, book-entry form (except as otherwise set forth herein), without coupons, and subject to the adjustments permitted under Section 8, shall be known as “General Obligation School Refunding Bonds”, shall be dated their date of issuance, and shall have such series designation or such other dated date as shall be determined by the County Mayor pursuant to Section 8 hereof. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable Tennessee law at the time of issuance of the Bonds, or any series thereof, payable (subject to the adjustments permitted under Section 8) semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 in each year, commencing November 1, 2026. The Bonds shall be issued initially in \$5,000 denominations or integral multiples thereof, as shall be requested by the original purchaser thereof. Subject to the adjustments permitted pursuant to Section 8 hereof, the Bonds, shall mature serially or be subject to mandatory redemption and shall be payable on May 1 of each year through a period ending not later than one year following the longest maturity of the Refunded Bonds. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a preliminary debt service estimate of the amortization of the Bonds; provided, however, such amortization may be adjusted in accordance with Section 8 hereof.

(b) Subject to the adjustments permitted under Section 8 hereof, the Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the County on May 1, 2036 and thereafter, as a whole or in part, at any time at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date. If less than all the Bonds shall be called for redemption, the maturities to be redeemed shall be selected by the Governing Body in its discretion. If less than all of the Bonds within a single maturity shall be called for redemption, the interests within the maturity to be redeemed shall be selected as follows:

(i) if the Bonds are being held under a Book-Entry System by DTC, or a successor Depository, the Bonds to be redeemed shall be determined by DTC, or such successor Depository, by lot or such other manner as DTC, or such successor Depository, shall determine; or

(ii) if the Bonds are not being held under a Book-Entry System by DTC, or a successor Depository, the Bonds within the maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by the Registration Agent by lot or such other random manner as the Registration Agent in its discretion shall determine.

(c) Pursuant to Section 8 hereof, the County Mayor is authorized to sell the Bonds, or any maturities thereof, as term bonds (“Term Bonds”) with mandatory redemption requirements corresponding to the maturities set forth herein or as determined by the County Mayor. In the event any or all the Bonds are sold as Term Bonds, the County shall redeem Term Bonds on redemption dates corresponding to the maturity dates set forth herein, in aggregate principal amounts equal to the maturity amounts established pursuant to Section 8 hereof for each redemption date, as such maturity amounts may be adjusted pursuant to Section 8 hereof, at a price of par plus accrued interest thereon to the date of redemption. The Term Bonds to be redeemed within a single maturity shall be selected in the manner described in subsection (b) above.

At its option, to be exercised on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day next preceding any such mandatory redemption date, the County may (i) deliver to the Registration Agent for cancellation Bonds to be redeemed, in any aggregate principal amount desired, and/or (ii) receive a credit in respect of its redemption obligation under this mandatory redemption provision for any Bonds of the maturity to be redeemed which prior to said date have been purchased or redeemed (otherwise than through the operation of this mandatory sinking fund redemption provision) and canceled by the Registration Agent and not theretofore applied as a credit against any redemption obligation under this mandatory sinking fund

provision. Each Bond so delivered or previously purchased or redeemed shall be credited by the Registration Agent at 100% of the principal amount thereof on the obligation of the County on such payment date and any excess shall be credited on future redemption obligations in chronological order, and the principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed by operation of this mandatory sinking fund provision shall be accordingly reduced. The County shall on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day next preceding each payment date furnish the Registration Agent with its certificate indicating whether or not and to what extent the provisions of clauses (i) and (ii) of this subsection are to be availed of with respect to such payment and confirm that funds for the balance of the next succeeding prescribed payment will be paid on or before the next succeeding payment date.

(d) Notice of call for redemption, whether optional or mandatory, shall be given by the Registration Agent on behalf of the County not less than twenty (20) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by sending an appropriate notice to the registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, at the addresses shown on the Bond registration records of the Registration Agent as of the date of the notice; but neither failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any such notice so mailed shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings for redemption of any of the Bonds for which proper notice was given. An optional redemption notice may state that it is conditioned upon the deposit of moneys in an amount equal to the amount necessary to affect the redemption with the Registration Agent no later than the redemption date ("Conditional Redemption"). As long as DTC, or a successor Depository, is the registered owner of the Bonds, all redemption notices shall be mailed by the Registration Agent to DTC, or such successor Depository, as the registered owner of the Bonds, as and when above provided, and neither the County nor the Registration Agent shall be responsible for mailing notices of redemption to DTC Participants or Beneficial Owners. Failure of DTC, or any successor Depository, to provide notice to any DTC Participant or Beneficial Owner will not affect the validity of such redemption. The Registration Agent shall mail said notices as and when directed by the County pursuant to written instructions from an authorized representative of the County (other than for a mandatory sinking fund redemption, notices of which shall be given on the dates provided herein) given at least forty-five (45) days prior to the redemption date (unless a shorter notice period shall be satisfactory to the Registration Agent). From and after the redemption date, all Bonds called for redemption shall cease to bear interest if funds are available at the office of the Registration Agent for the payment thereof and if notice has been duly provided as set forth herein. In the case of a Conditional Redemption, the failure of the County to make funds available in part or in whole on or before the redemption date shall not constitute an event of default, and the Registration Agent shall give immediate notice to the Depository or the affected Bondholders that the redemption did not occur and that the Bonds called for redemption and not so paid remain outstanding.

(e) The County Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint the Registration Agent and the Registration Agent so appointed is hereby authorized to maintain Bond registration records with respect to the Bonds, to authenticate and deliver the Bonds as provided herein, either at original issuance or upon transfer, to effect transfers of the Bonds, to give all notices of redemption as required herein, to make all payments of principal and interest with respect to the Bonds as provided herein, to cancel and destroy Bonds which have been paid at maturity or upon earlier redemption or submitted for exchange or transfer, to furnish the County at least annually a certificate of destruction with respect to Bonds canceled and destroyed, and to furnish the County at least annually an audit confirmation of Bonds paid, Bonds outstanding and payments made with respect to interest on the Bonds. The County Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the County Clerk is hereby authorized to attest such written agreement between the County and the Registration Agent as they shall deem necessary and proper with respect to the obligations, duties and rights of the Registration Agent. The payment of all reasonable fees and expenses of the Registration Agent for the discharge of its duties and obligations hereunder or under any such agreement is hereby authorized and directed.

(f) The Bonds shall be payable, both principal and interest, in lawful money of the United States of America at the main office of the Registration Agent. The Registration Agent shall make all

interest payments with respect to the Bonds by check or draft on each interest payment date directly to the registered owners as shown on the Bond registration records maintained by the Registration Agent as of the close of business on the fifteenth day of the month next preceding the interest payment date (the "Regular Record Date") by depositing said payment in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to such owners at their addresses shown on said Bond registration records, without, except for final payment, the presentation or surrender of such registered Bonds, and all such payments shall discharge the obligations of the County in respect of such Bonds to the extent of the payments so made. Payment of principal of and premium, if any, on the Bonds shall be made upon presentation and surrender of such Bonds to the Registration Agent as the same shall become due and payable. All rates of interest specified herein shall be computed on the basis of a three hundred sixty (360) day year composed of twelve (12) months of thirty (30) days each. In the event the Bonds are no longer registered in the name of DTC, or a successor Depository, if requested by the Owner of at least \$1,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, payment of interest on such Bonds shall be paid by wire transfer to a bank within the continental United States or deposited to a designated account if such account is maintained with the Registration Agent and written notice of any such election and designated account is given to the Registration Agent prior to the record date.

(g) Any interest on any Bond that is payable but is not punctually paid or duly provided for on any interest payment date (hereinafter "Defaulted Interest") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered owner on the relevant Regular Record Date; and, in lieu thereof, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid by the County to the persons in whose names the Bonds are registered at the close of business on a date (the "Special Record Date") for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner: the County shall notify the Registration Agent in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Bond and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the County shall deposit with the Registration Agent an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Registration Agent for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this Section provided. Thereupon, not less than ten (10) days after the receipt by the Registration Agent of the notice of the proposed payment, the Registration Agent shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which Date shall be not more than fifteen (15) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed payment to the registered owners. The Registration Agent shall promptly notify the County of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the County, not less than ten (10) days prior to such Special Record Date, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first class postage prepaid, to each registered owner at the address thereof as it appears in the Bond registration records maintained by the Registration Agent as of the date of such notice. Nothing contained in this Section or in the Bonds shall impair any statutory or other rights in law or in equity of any registered owner arising as a result of the failure of the County to punctually pay or duly provide for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due.

(h) The Bonds are transferable only by presentation to the Registration Agent by the registered owner, or his legal representative duly authorized in writing, of the registered Bond(s) to be transferred with the form of assignment on the reverse side thereof completed in full and signed with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the Bond(s) accompanied by appropriate documentation necessary to prove the legal capacity of any legal representative of the registered owner. Upon receipt of the Bond(s) in such form and with such documentation, if any, the Registration Agent shall issue a new Bond or the Bond to the assignee(s) in \$5,000 denominations, or integral multiples thereof, as requested by the registered owner requesting transfer. The Registration Agent shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period commencing on a Regular or Special Record Date and ending on the corresponding interest payment date of such Bond, nor to transfer or exchange any Bond after the

publication of notice calling such Bond for redemption has been made, nor to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period following the receipt of instructions from the County to call such Bond for redemption; provided, the Registration Agent, at its option, may make transfers after any of said dates. No charge shall be made to any registered owner for the privilege of transferring any Bond, provided that any transfer tax relating to such transaction shall be paid by the registered owner requesting transfer. The person in whose name any Bond shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and neither the County nor the Registration Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary whether or not any payments due on the Bonds shall be overdue. The Bonds, upon surrender to the Registration Agent, may, at the option of the registered owner, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of the same maturity in any authorized denomination or denominations.

(i) The Bonds shall be executed in such manner as may be prescribed by applicable law, in the name, and on behalf, of the County with the manual or facsimile signature of the County Mayor and with the official seal, or a facsimile thereof, of the County impressed or imprinted thereon and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk or his designee.

(j) Except as otherwise provided in this resolution, the Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. References in this Section to a Bond or the Bonds shall be construed to mean the Bond or the Bonds that are held under the Book-Entry System. One Bond for each maturity shall be issued to DTC and immobilized in its custody. A Book-Entry System shall be employed, evidencing ownership of the Bonds in authorized denominations, with transfers of beneficial ownership effected on the records of DTC and the DTC Participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC.

Each DTC Participant shall be credited in the records of DTC with the amount of such DTC Participant's interest in the Bonds. Beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds may be purchased by or through DTC Participants. The holders of these beneficial ownership interests are hereinafter referred to as the "Beneficial Owners." The Beneficial Owners shall not receive the Bonds representing their beneficial ownership interests. The ownership interests of each Beneficial Owner shall be recorded through the records of the DTC Participant from which such Beneficial Owner purchased its Bonds. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds shall be accomplished by book entries made by DTC and, in turn, by DTC Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. **SO LONG AS CEDE & CO., AS NOMINEE FOR DTC, IS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, THE REGISTRATION AGENT SHALL TREAT CEDE & CO., AS THE ONLY HOLDER OF THE BONDS FOR ALL PURPOSES UNDER THIS RESOLUTION, INCLUDING RECEIPT OF ALL PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, RECEIPT OF NOTICES, VOTING AND REQUESTING OR DIRECTING THE REGISTRATION AGENT TO TAKE OR NOT TO TAKE, OR CONSENTING TO, CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER THIS RESOLUTION.**

Payments of principal, interest, and redemption premium, if any, with respect to the Bonds, so long as DTC is the only owner of the Bonds, shall be paid by the Registration Agent directly to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co. as provided in the Letter of Representation relating to the Bonds from the County and the Registration Agent to DTC (the "Letter of Representation"). DTC shall remit such payments to DTC Participants, and such payments thereafter shall be paid by DTC Participants to the Beneficial Owners. The County and the Registration Agent shall not be responsible or liable for payment by DTC or DTC Participants, for sending transaction statements or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing records maintained by DTC or DTC Participants.

In the event that (1) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds, or (2) the County determines that the continuation of the Book-Entry System of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds would adversely affect their interests or the interests of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, then the County shall discontinue the Book-Entry System with DTC or, upon request of such original purchaser, deliver the Bonds to the original purchaser in the form of fully registered Bonds, as the

case may be. If the County fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the County shall cause the Registration Agent to authenticate and deliver replacement Bonds in the form of fully registered Bonds to each Beneficial Owner. If the purchaser(s) certifies that it intends to hold the Bonds for its own account, then the County may issue certificated Bonds without the utilization of DTC and the Book-Entry System.

THE COUNTY AND THE REGISTRATION AGENT SHALL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATIONS TO ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WITH RESPECT TO (i) THE BONDS; (ii) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT; (iii) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; (iv) THE DELIVERY OR TIMELINESS OF DELIVERY BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OF ANY NOTICE DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER THAT IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS RESOLUTION TO BE GIVEN TO BENEFICIAL OWNERS, (v) THE SELECTION OF BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS; OR (vi) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC, OR ITS NOMINEE, CEDE & CO., AS OWNER.

(k) The Registration Agent is hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary from time to time to qualify and maintain the Bonds for deposit with DTC, including but not limited to, wire transfers of interest and principal payments with respect to the Bonds, utilization of electronic book entry data received from DTC in place of actual delivery of Bonds and provision of notices with respect to Bonds registered by DTC (or any of its designees identified to the Registration Agent) by overnight delivery, courier service, telegram, telecopy or other similar means of communication. No such arrangements with DTC may adversely affect the interest of any of the owners of the Bonds, provided, however, that the Registration Agent shall not be liable with respect to any such arrangements it may make pursuant to this section.

(l) The Registration Agent is hereby authorized to authenticate and deliver the Bonds to the original purchaser, upon receipt by the County of the proceeds of the sale thereof and to authenticate and deliver Bonds in exchange for Bonds of the same principal amount delivered for transfer upon receipt of the Bond(s) to be transferred in proper form with proper documentation as hereinabove described. The Bonds shall not be valid for any purpose unless authenticated by the Registration Agent by the manual signature of an officer thereof on the certificate set forth herein on the Bond form.

(m) In case any Bond shall become mutilated, or be lost, stolen, or destroyed, the County, in its discretion, shall issue, and the Registration Agent, upon written direction from the County, shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor, amount, maturity and date, in exchange and substitution for, and upon the cancellation of, the mutilated Bond, or in lieu of and in substitution for such lost, stolen or destroyed Bond, or if any such Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substituted Bond the County may pay or authorize payment of such Bond without surrender thereof. In every case the applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the County and the Registration Agent of the destruction, theft or loss of such Bond, and indemnity satisfactory to the County and the Registration Agent; and the County may charge the applicant for the issue of such new Bond an amount sufficient to reimburse the County for the expense incurred by it in the issue thereof.

Section 5. Source of Payment. The Bonds shall be secured by and payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the County. For the prompt payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, the full faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged.

Section 6. Form of Bonds. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form, the omissions to be appropriately completed when the Bonds are prepared and delivered:

(Form of Face of Bond)

REGISTERED

REGISTERED

Number _____

\$ _____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2026

Interest Rate:

Maturity Date:

Date of Bond:

CUSIP No.:

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Sullivan County, Tennessee (the "County") hereby promises to pay to the registered owner hereof, hereinabove named, or registered assigns, in the manner hereinafter provided, the principal amount hereinabove set forth on the maturity date hereinabove set forth (or upon earlier redemption as set forth herein), and to pay interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) on said principal amount at the annual rate of interest hereinabove set forth from the date hereof until said maturity date or redemption date, said interest being payable on _____, 2026, and semi-annually thereafter on the first day of ____ and _____ in each year until this Bond matures or is redeemed. The principal hereof and interest hereon are payable in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft at the designated corporate trust office of _____, _____, _____, as registration agent and paying agent (the "Registration Agent"). The Registration Agent shall make all interest payments with respect to this Bond on each interest payment date directly to the registered owner hereof shown on the Bond registration records maintained by the Registration Agent as of the close of business on the fifteenth day of the month next preceding the interest payment date (the "Regular Record Date") by check or draft mailed to such owner at such owner's address shown on said Bond registration records, without, except for final payment, the presentation or surrender of this Bond, and all such payments shall discharge the obligations of the County to the extent of the payments so made. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for on any interest payment date shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered owner on the relevant Regular Record Date; and, in lieu thereof, such defaulted interest shall be payable to the person in whose name this Bond is registered at the close of business on the date (the "Special Record Date") for payment of such defaulted interest to be fixed by the Registration Agent, notice of which shall be given to the owners of the Bonds of the issue of which this Bond is one not less than ten (10) days prior to such Special Record Date. Payment of principal of [and premium, if any, on] this Bond shall be made when due upon presentation and surrender of this Bond to the Registration Agent.

Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Resolution, as hereinafter defined, this Bond shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds of the series of which this Bond is one. One Bond for each maturity of the Bonds shall be issued to DTC and immobilized in its custody, or a custodian of DTC. The Registrar is a custodian and agent for DTC and the Bonds will be immobilized in

its custody. A book-entry system shall be employed, evidencing ownership of the Bonds in \$5,000 denominations, or multiples thereof, with transfers of beneficial ownership effected on the records of DTC and the DTC Participants, as defined in the Resolution, pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC. So long as Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, the County and the Registration Agent shall treat Cede & Co., as the only owner of the Bonds for all purposes under the Resolution, including receipt of all principal and maturity amounts of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, receipt of notices, voting and requesting or taking or not taking, or consenting to, certain actions hereunder. Payments of principal, maturity amounts, interest, and redemption premium, if any, with respect to the Bonds, so long as DTC is the only owner of the Bonds, shall be paid directly to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co. DTC shall remit such payments to DTC Participants, and such payments thereafter shall be paid by DTC Participants to the Beneficial Owners, as defined in the Resolution. Neither the County nor the Registration Agent shall be responsible or liable for payment by DTC or DTC Participants, for sending transaction statements or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing records maintained by DTC or DTC Participants. In the event that (1) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds or (2) the County determines that the continuation of the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds would adversely affect its interests or the interests of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, the County may discontinue the book-entry system with DTC. If the County fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the County shall cause the Registration Agent to authenticate and deliver replacement Bonds in the form of fully registered Bonds to each Beneficial Owner. Neither the County nor the Registration Agent shall have any responsibility or obligations to any DTC Participant or any Beneficial Owner with respect to (i) the Bonds; (ii) the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any DTC Participant; (iii) the payment by DTC or any DTC Participant of any amount due to any Beneficial Owner in respect of the principal or maturity amounts of and interest on the Bonds; (iv) the delivery or timeliness of delivery by DTC or any DTC Participant of any notice due to any Beneficial Owner that is required or permitted under the terms of the Resolution to be given to Beneficial Owners, (v) the selection of Beneficial Owners to receive payments in the event of any partial redemption of the Bonds; or (vi) any consent given or other action taken by DTC, or its nominee, Cede & Co., as owner.

Bonds of the issue of which this Bond is one shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the County on _____ and thereafter, as a whole or in part at any time at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date. If less than all the Bonds shall be called for redemption, the maturities to be redeemed shall be designated by the Board of County Commissioners of the County, in its discretion. If less than all the principal amount of the Bonds of a maturity shall be called for redemption, the interests within the maturity to be redeemed shall be selected as follows:

(i) if the Bonds are being held under a Book-Entry System by DTC, or a successor Depository, the amount of the interest of each DTC Participant in the Bonds to be redeemed shall be determined by DTC, or such successor Depository, by lot or such other manner as DTC, or such successor Depository, shall determine; or

(ii) if the Bonds are not being held under a Book-Entry System by DTC, or a successor Depository, the Bonds within the maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by the Registration Agent by lot or such other random manner as the Registration Agent in its discretion shall determine.

[Subject to the credit hereinafter provided, the County shall redeem Bonds maturing _____ on the redemption dates set forth below opposite the maturity dates, in aggregate principal amounts equal to the respective dollar amounts set forth below opposite the respective redemption dates at a price of par plus accrued interest thereon to the date of redemption. DTC, as securities depository for the series of Bonds of which this Bond is one, or such Person as shall then be serving as the securities depository for the Bonds, shall determine the interest of each Participant in the Bonds to be redeemed using its procedures generally in use at that time. If DTC, or another securities depository is no longer serving as securities depository for the Bonds, the Bonds to be

redeemed within a maturity shall be selected by the Registration Agent by lot or such other random manner as the Registration Agent in its discretion shall select. The dates of redemption and principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed on said dates are as follows:

<u>Final</u> <u>Maturity</u>	<u>Redemption</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u> <u>of Bonds</u> <u>Redeemed</u>
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***Final Maturity**

At its option, to be exercised on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day next preceding any such redemption date, the County may (i) deliver to the Registration Agent for cancellation Bonds to be redeemed, in any aggregate principal amount desired, and/or (ii) receive a credit in respect of its redemption obligation under this mandatory redemption provision for any Bonds of the maturity to be redeemed which prior to said date have been purchased or redeemed (otherwise than through the operation of this mandatory sinking fund redemption provision) and canceled by the Registration Agent and not theretofore applied as a credit against any redemption obligation under this mandatory sinking fund provision. Each Bond so delivered or previously purchased or redeemed shall be credited by the Registration Agent at 100% of the principal amount thereof on the obligation of the County on such payment date and any excess shall be credited on future redemption obligations in chronological order, and the principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed by operation of this mandatory sinking fund provision shall be accordingly reduced. The County shall on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day next preceding each payment date furnish the Registration Agent with its certificate indicating whether or not and to what extent the provisions of clauses (i) and (ii) of this subsection are to be availed of with respect to such payment and confirm that funds for the balance of the next succeeding prescribed payment will be paid on or before the next succeeding payment date.]

Notice of call for redemption[, whether optional or mandatory,] shall be given by the Registration Agent not less than twenty (20) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by sending an appropriate notice to the registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, at the addresses shown on the Bond registration records of the Registration Agent as of the date of the notice; but neither failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any such notice so mailed shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings for the redemption of any of the Bonds for which proper notice was given. An optional redemption notice may state that it is conditioned upon the deposit of moneys in an amount equal to the amount necessary to affect the redemption with the Registration Agent no later than the redemption date ("Conditional Redemption"). As long as DTC, or a successor Depository, is the registered owner of the Bonds, all redemption notices shall be mailed by the Registration Agent to DTC, or such successor Depository, as the registered owner of the Bonds, as and when above provided, and neither the County nor the Registration Agent shall be responsible for mailing notices of redemption to DTC Participants or Beneficial Owners. Failure of DTC, or any successor Depository, to provide notice to any

DTC Participant will not affect the validity of such redemption. From and after any redemption date, all Bonds called for redemption shall cease to bear interest if funds are available at the office of the Registration Agent for the payment thereof and if notice has been duly provided as set forth in the Resolution, as hereafter defined.] In the case of a Conditional Redemption, the failure of the County to make funds available in part or in whole on or before the redemption date shall not constitute an event of default, and the Registration Agent shall give immediate notice to the Depository or the affected Bondholders that the redemption did not occur and that the Bonds called for redemption and not so paid remain outstanding.

This Bond is transferable by the registered owner hereof in person or by such owner's attorney duly authorized in writing at the designated corporate trust office of the Registration Agent set forth above, but only in the manner, subject to limitations and upon payment of the charges provided in the Resolution, as hereafter defined, and upon surrender and cancellation of this Bond. Upon such transfer a new Bond or Bonds of authorized denominations of the same maturity and interest rate for the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor. The person in whose name this Bond is registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and neither the County nor the Registration Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary whether or not any payments due on the Bond shall be overdue. Bonds, upon surrender to the Registration Agent, may, at the option of the registered owner thereof, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of the same maturity in authorized denomination or denominations, upon the terms set forth in the Resolution. The Registration Agent shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period commencing on a Regular Record Date or Special Record Date and ending on the corresponding interest payment date of such Bond, nor to transfer or exchange any Bond after the notice calling such Bond for redemption has been made, nor during a period following the receipt of instructions from the County to call such Bond for redemption.

This Bond is one of a total authorized issue aggregating \$_____ and issued by the County for the purpose of providing funds to (i) refund the County's outstanding General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, dated March 30, 2017 and maturing _____, and (ii) pay costs incident to the issuance and sale of the Bonds of which this Bond is one, pursuant to Sections 9-21-101 et seq., Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, and pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County on the ____ day of _____, 2026 (the "Resolution").

The Bonds shall be secured by and payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the County. For the prompt payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, the full faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This Bond and the income therefrom are exempt from all present state, county and municipal taxes in Tennessee except (a) Tennessee excise taxes on interest on the Bond during the period the Bond is held or beneficially owned by any organization or entity, other than a sole proprietorship or general partnership, doing business in the State of Tennessee, and (b) Tennessee franchise taxes by reason of the inclusion of the book value of the Bond in the Tennessee franchise tax base of any organization or entity, other than a sole proprietorship or general partnership, doing business in the State of Tennessee.

It is hereby certified, recited, and declared that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, happen and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond exist, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the amount of this Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the County, does not exceed any limitation prescribed by the constitution and statutes of the State of Tennessee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused this Bond to be signed by its County Mayor and attested by its County Clerk under the corporate seal of the County, all as of the date hereinabove set forth.

SULLIVAN COUNTY

BY: _____

County Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTESTED:

County Clerk

Transferable and payable at the designated corporate trust office of:

_____, _____

Date of Registration: _____

This Bond is one of the issue of Bonds issued pursuant to the Resolution hereinabove described.

Registration Agent

By: _____

Authorized Officer

(FORM OF ASSIGNMENT)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns, and transfers unto _____, whose address is _____ (Please insert Federal Identification or Social Security Number of Assignee _____), the within Bond of Sullivan County, Tennessee, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____, attorney, to transfer the said Bond on the records kept for registration thereof with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Signature guaranteed:

NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a member firm of a Medallion Program acceptable to the Registration Agent.

Section 7. Levy of Tax. The County, through its Governing Body, shall annually levy and collect a tax upon all taxable property within the County, in addition to all other taxes authorized by law, sufficient to pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due, and for that purpose there is hereby levied a direct annual tax in such amount as may be found necessary each year to pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest coming due on the Bonds in said year. Principal, premium, if any, and interest falling due at any time when there are insufficient funds from this tax levy on hand shall be paid from the current funds of the County and reimbursement therefor shall be made out of the taxes hereby provided to be levied when the same shall have been collected. The tax herein provided may be reduced to the extent of any appropriations from other funds, taxes and revenues of the County to the payment of debt service on the Bonds.

Section 8. Sale of Bonds.

(a) The Bonds shall be offered for competitive public sale in one or more series, at a price of not less than ninety-nine percent (99%) of par, plus accrued interest, as a whole or in part from time to time as shall be determined by the County Mayor, in consultation with the Municipal Advisor.

(b) If the Bonds are sold in more than one series, the County Mayor is authorized to cause to be sold in each series an aggregate principal amount of Bonds less than that shown in Section 4 hereof for each series, so long as the total aggregate principal amount of all series issued does not exceed the total aggregate of Bonds authorized to be issued herein.

(c) The County Mayor is further authorized with respect to each series of Bonds to:

(1) adjust the dated date of the Bonds or any series thereof, to a date other than the date of issuance of the Bonds;

(2) adjust the designation of the Bonds, or any series thereof, to a designation other than “General Obligation School Refunding Bonds” and to specify the series designation of the Bonds, or any series thereof;

(3) adjust the first interest payment date on the Bonds or any series thereof to a date other than November 1, 2026, provided that such date is not later than twelve months from the dated date of such series of Bonds;

(4) establish the principal and interest payment dates and the maturity amounts of the Bonds (including, but not limited to, establishing the date and year of the first principal payment date), or any series thereof, provided that the total principal amount of all series of the Bonds shall not exceed the total amount of Bonds authorized hereunder necessary to refund the Refunded Bonds and that the final maturity date of each series of Bonds shall not exceed more than one year after the final maturity of the Refunded Bonds refunded by such series;

(5) provide that the Bonds are subject to optional redemption, provided that the premium amount to be paid on Bonds or any series thereof does not exceed two percent (2%) of the principal amount thereof;

(6) refinance less than all the Outstanding Bonds to maximize the objectives of refinancing the Outstanding Bonds;

(7) sell the Bonds, or any series thereof, or any maturities thereof as Term Bonds with mandatory redemption requirements corresponding to the maturities set forth herein or as otherwise determined by the County Mayor, as he shall deem most advantageous to the County; and

(8) to cause all or a portion of the Bonds to be insured by a bond insurance policy issued by a nationally recognized bond insurance company if such insurance is requested and paid for by the winning bidder of the Bonds, or any series thereof.

(d) The County Mayor is authorized to sell the Bonds, or any series thereof, simultaneously with any other bonds or notes authorized by resolution or resolutions of the Governing Body. The County Mayor is further authorized to sell the Bonds, or any series thereof, as a single issue of bonds with any other bonds with substantially similar terms authorized by resolution or resolutions of the Governing Body, in one or more series as he shall deem to be advantageous to the County and in doing so, the County Mayor is authorized to change the designation of the Bonds to a designation other than “General Obligation School Refunding Bonds”; provided, however, that the total aggregate principal amount of combined bonds to be sold does not exceed the total aggregate principal amount of Bonds authorized by this resolution or bonds authorized by any other resolution or resolutions adopted by the Governing Body.

(e) The County Mayor is authorized to award the Bonds, or any series thereof, in each case to the bidder whose bid results in the lowest true interest cost to the County, provided the rate or rates on the Bonds does not exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable Tennessee law at the time of the issuance of the Bonds or any series thereof. The award of the Bonds by the County Mayor to the lowest bidder shall be binding on the County, and no further action of the Governing Body with respect thereto shall be required. If permitted in the notice of sale for the Bonds, or any series thereof: (i) the successful bidder may request that the Bonds, or any such series thereof, be issued in the form of fully registered certificated Bonds in the name of the successful bidder or as directed by the successful bidder, in lieu of registration using the Book-Entry System, and (ii) the successful bidder may assign its right to purchase the Bonds, or

any series thereof, to a third party provided, however, that upon such assignment, the successful bidder shall remain obligated to perform all obligations relating to the purchase of the Bonds as the successful bidder, including the delivery of a good faith deposit, the execution of required documents and the payment of the purchase price, if such successful bidder's assignee does not perform any of such obligations.

(f) The County Mayor and County Clerk are authorized to cause the Bonds, in book-entry form (except as otherwise permitted herein), to be authenticated and delivered by the Registration Agent to the successful bidder and to execute, publish, and deliver all certificates and documents, including an official statement and closing certificates, as they shall deem necessary in connection with the sale and delivery of the Bonds. The County Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Municipal Advisor, for financial advisory services in connection with the sale of the Bonds consistent with the terms set forth herein, and with Bass, Berry & Sims PLC to serve as bond counsel in connection with the Bonds in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

(g) The form of the Bond set forth in Section 6 hereof, shall be conformed to reflect any changes made pursuant to this Section 8 hereof.

Section 9. Disposition of Bond Proceeds. The proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be disbursed as follows:

(a) an amount, which together with legally available funds of the County, if any, and investment earnings thereon, will be sufficient to pay principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds until and through the redemption date therefor shall be transferred to the Escrow Agent under the Refunding Escrow Agreement to be deposited to the Escrow Fund established thereunder to be held and applied as provided therein, or if the Bonds are issued within the period for distributing notice of redemption for the Refunded Bonds, then proceeds of the Bonds necessary to redeem the Refunded Bonds may be deposited directly with the paying agent for the Refunded Bonds; and

(b) the remainder of the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be used to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds, including necessary legal, accounting and fiscal expenses, printing, engraving, advertising and similar expenses, administrative and clerical costs, Registration Agent fees, Escrow Agent fees, bond insurance premiums, if any, and other necessary miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, costs of issuance of the Bonds may be withheld from the good faith deposit or purchase price of the Bonds and paid to the Municipal Advisor to be used to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.

(c) In accordance with state law, the various department heads responsible for the fund or funds and receiving and disbursing funds are hereby authorized to amend the budget of the proper fund or funds for the receipt of proceeds from the issuance of the obligations authorized by this resolution including bond and note proceeds, accrued interest, reoffering premium and other receipts from this transaction. The department heads responsible for the fund or funds are further authorized to amend the proper budgets to reflect the appropriations and expenditures of the receipts authorized by this resolution.

Section 10. Official Statement. The officers of the County, or any of them, working with Municipal Advisor, are hereby authorized and directed to provide for the preparation and distribution, which may include electronic distribution, of a Preliminary Official Statement describing the Bonds. After bids have been received and the Bonds have been awarded, the officers of the County, or any of them, shall make such completions, omissions, insertions and changes in the Preliminary Official Statement not inconsistent with this resolution as are necessary or desirable to complete it as a final Official Statement for purposes of Rule 15c2-12(e)(3) of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The officers of the County, or any of them, shall arrange for the delivery to the successful bidder on the Bonds of a reasonable number of copies of the Official Statement within seven business days after the Bonds have been awarded for delivery, by the successful bidder on the Bonds, to each potential investor requesting a copy of the Official

Statement and to each person to whom such bidder and members of his bidding group initially sell the Bonds.

The officers of the County, or any of them, are authorized, on behalf of the County, to deem the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement in final form, each to be final as of its date within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), except for the omission in the Preliminary Official Statement of certain pricing and other information allowed to be omitted pursuant to such Rule 15c2-12(b)(1). The distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement in final form shall be conclusive evidence that each has been deemed in final form as of its date by the County except for the omission in the Preliminary Official Statement of such pricing and other information.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Official Statement is required to be prepared if the Bonds, or any series thereof, are purchased by a purchaser that certifies that such purchaser intends to hold the Bonds, or any series thereof, for its own account and has no present intention to reoffer the Bonds, or any series thereof.

Section 11. Refunding Escrow Agreement. For the purpose of providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds, the County Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and the County Clerk to attest on behalf of the County the Refunding Escrow Agreement with the Escrow Agent and to deposit with the Escrow Agent the amounts to be used by the Escrow Agent to purchase Government Securities as provided therein (except as set forth in Section 9(c) hereof); provided, however, that the yield on such investments shall be determined in such manner that none of the Bonds will be an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Section 148(a) of the Code. The form of the Refunding Escrow Agreement presented to this meeting and attached hereto as Exhibit B is hereby in all respects approved and the County Mayor and the County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver same on behalf of the County in substantially the form thereof presented to this meeting, or with such changes as may be approved by the County Mayor and County Clerk, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of all such changes. The Escrow Agent is hereby authorized and directed to hold and administer all funds deposited in trust for the payment when due of principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds and to exercise such duties as set forth in the Refunding Escrow Agreement.

Section 12. Notice of Refunding and Notice of Redemption. Prior to the issuance of the Bonds, or any series thereof, if required, notice of the County's intention to refund the Refunded Bonds or notice of redemption of the Refunded Bonds, shall be given by the registration agent for the Refunded Bonds to be mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the registered holders thereof, as of the date of the notice, as shown on the bond registration records maintained by such registration agent of said Refunded Bonds. Such notices shall be in the form consistent with applicable law. The County Mayor and the County Clerk, or either of them, is hereby authorized and directed to authorize the registration agent of said Refunded Bonds to give such notice on behalf of the County in accordance with this Section.

Section 13. Discharge and Satisfaction of Bonds. If the County shall pay and discharge the indebtedness evidenced by any series of the Bonds in any one or more of the following ways, to wit:

(a) By paying or causing to be paid, by deposit of sufficient funds as and when required with the Registration Agent, the principal of and interest on such Bonds as and when the same become due and payable;

(b) By depositing or causing to be deposited with any trust company or financial institution whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or similar federal agency and which has trust powers ("an Agent"; which Agent may be the Registration Agent) in trust or escrow, on or before the date of maturity or redemption, sufficient money or Federal Obligations, as hereafter defined, the principal of and interest on which, when due and payable, will provide sufficient moneys to pay or redeem such Bonds and to pay interest thereon when due until the maturity or redemption date (provided, if such Bonds are to be redeemed prior to maturity thereof, proper notice of such redemption shall have been given or adequate provision shall have been made for the giving of such notice);

(c) By delivering such Bonds to the Registration Agent, for cancellation by it;

and if the County shall also pay or cause to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the County with respect to such Bonds, or make adequate provision therefor, and by resolution of the Governing Body instruct any such Escrow Agent to pay amounts when and as required to the Registration Agent for the payment of principal of and interest on such Bonds when due, then and in that case the indebtedness evidenced by such Bonds shall be discharged and satisfied and all covenants, agreements and obligations

of the County to the holders of such Bonds shall be fully discharged and satisfied and shall thereupon cease, terminate and become void.

If the County shall pay and discharge the indebtedness evidenced by any of the Bonds in the manner provided in either clause (a) or clause (b) above, then the registered owners thereof shall thereafter be entitled only to payment out of the money or Federal Obligations deposited as aforesaid.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, neither Federal Obligations nor moneys deposited with the Registration Agent pursuant to this Section nor principal or interest payments on any such Federal Obligations shall be withdrawn or used for any purpose other than, and shall be held in trust for, the payment of the principal and interest on said Bonds; provided that any cash received from such principal or interest payments on such Federal Obligations deposited with the Registration Agent, (A) to the extent such cash will not be required at any time for such purpose, shall be paid over to the County as received by the Registration Agent and (B) to the extent such cash will be required for such purpose at a later date, shall, to the extent practicable, be reinvested in Federal Obligations maturing at times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal and interest to become due on said Bonds on or prior to such redemption date or maturity date thereof, as the case may be, and interest earned from such reinvestments shall be paid over to the County, as received by the Registration Agent. For the purposes of this Section, Federal Obligations shall mean direct obligations of, or obligations, the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by, the United States of America, which bonds or other obligations shall not be subject to redemption prior to their maturity other than at the option of the registered owner thereof.

Section 14. Federal Tax Matters Related to the Bonds. The County recognizes that the purchasers and holders of the Bonds will have accepted them on, and paid therefor a price that reflects, the understanding that interest thereon is excluded from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation under laws in force on the date of delivery of the Bonds. Accordingly, the County agrees that it shall take no action that may render the interest on any of said Bonds subject to federal income taxation. It is the reasonable expectation of the Governing Body that the proceeds of the Bonds will not be used in a manner which will cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including any lawful regulations promulgated or proposed thereunder, and to this end the said proceeds of the Bonds and other related funds established for the purposes herein set out, shall be used and spent expeditiously for the purposes described herein. The Governing Body further covenants and represents that in the event it shall be required by Section 148(f) of the Code to pay any investment proceeds of the Bonds to the United States government, it will make such payments as and when required by said Section and will take such other actions as shall be necessary or permitted to prevent the interest on the Bonds from becoming subject to inclusion in the gross income for purposes of federal income taxation. The officers of the County are authorized and directed to make such certifications in this regard in connection with the sale of the Bonds as any or all shall deem appropriate, and such certifications shall constitute a representation and certification of the County. Following the issuance of the Bonds if issued as tax-exempt, the officers of the County are directed to administer the County's Federal Tax Compliance Policies and Procedures with respect to the Bonds.

Section 15. Continuing Disclosure. The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will provide annual financial information and event notices if and as required by Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities Exchange Commission for the Bonds. The County Mayor is authorized to execute at the Closing of the sale of the Bonds, an agreement for the benefit of and enforceable by the owners of the Bonds specifying the details of the financial information and event notices to be provided and its obligations relating thereto. Failure of the County to comply with the undertaking herein described and to be detailed in said closing agreement, shall not be a default hereunder, but any such failure shall entitle the owner or owners of any of the Bonds to take such actions and to initiate such proceedings as shall be necessary and appropriate to cause the County to comply with their undertaking as set forth herein and in said agreement, including the remedies of mandamus and specific performance.

Section 16. Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The Governing Body hereby designates the Bonds, or any series thereof, as “qualified tax-exempt obligations”, to the extent the Bonds, or any series thereof, may be so designated, and to the extent not “deemed designated” within the meaning of and pursuant to Section 265 of the Code.

Section 17. Resolution a Contract. The provisions of this resolution shall constitute a contract between the County and the registered owners of the Bonds, and after the issuance of the Bonds, no change, variation or alteration of any kind in the provisions of this resolution shall be made in any manner until such time as the Bonds and interest due thereon shall have been paid in full.

Section 18. Separability. If any section, paragraph or provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

Section 19. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions and Effective Date. All other resolutions and orders, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this resolution shall be in immediate effect from and after its adoption.

Duly adopted and approved this ____ day of _____, 2026.

County Mayor

Attested:

County Clerk

EXHIBIT A

ESTIMATED DEBT SERVICE, DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS AND COSTS OF ISSUANCE

Projected Savings Report (By Budget Year)

Date	Total P+I	Existing D/S	Net New D/S	Old Net D/S	Projected Annual Savings
06/30/2026	-	4,210,825.00	4,210,825.00	4,210,825.00	-
06/30/2027	6,301,745.68	1,338,900.00	7,640,645.68	7,871,381.26	230,735.58
06/30/2028	6,298,002.00	1,338,900.00	7,636,902.00	7,867,481.26	230,579.26
06/30/2029	6,299,673.00	1,338,900.00	7,638,573.00	7,868,081.26	229,508.26
06/30/2030	6,298,224.00	1,338,900.00	7,637,124.00	7,867,681.26	230,557.26
06/30/2031	6,303,212.50	1,338,900.00	7,642,112.50	7,871,481.26	229,368.76
06/30/2032	6,298,900.50	1,338,900.00	7,637,800.50	7,869,881.26	232,080.76
06/30/2033	6,303,576.50	1,338,900.00	7,642,476.50	7,871,681.26	229,204.76
06/30/2034	6,300,756.50	1,338,900.00	7,639,656.50	7,871,481.26	231,824.76
06/30/2035	6,296,622.50	1,338,900.00	7,635,522.50	7,869,218.76	233,696.26
06/30/2036	6,303,950.50	1,338,900.00	7,642,850.50	7,872,081.26	229,230.76
06/30/2037	6,297,365.50	1,338,900.00	7,636,265.50	7,868,500.00	232,234.50
06/30/2038	6,304,197.00	1,338,900.00	7,643,097.00	7,872,100.00	229,003.00
06/30/2039	6,304,263.50	1,338,900.00	7,643,163.50	7,872,300.00	229,136.50
06/30/2040	6,296,985.50	1,338,900.00	7,635,885.50	7,868,900.00	233,014.50
06/30/2041	6,299,509.50	1,338,900.00	7,638,409.50	7,871,700.00	233,290.50
06/30/2042	6,300,322.00	1,338,900.00	7,639,222.00	7,870,100.00	230,878.00
06/30/2043	-	7,868,900.00	7,868,900.00	7,868,900.00	-
06/30/2044	-	7,872,187.50	7,872,187.50	7,872,187.50	-
06/30/2045	-	7,871,387.50	7,871,387.50	7,871,387.50	-
06/30/2046	-	7,869,787.50	7,869,787.50	7,869,787.50	-
06/30/2047	-	7,869,437.50	7,869,437.50	7,869,437.50	-
Total	\$100,807,306.68	\$64,984,925.00	\$165,792,231.68	\$169,486,575.10	\$3,694,343.42

PV Analysis Summary (Net to Net)

Gross PV Debt Service Savings.....	4,292,585.07
Net PV Cashflow Savings @ 3.351%(AIC).....	4,292,585.07
Transfers from Prior Issue Debt Service Fund.....	(1,451,240.63)
Contingency or Rounding Amount.....	625.57
Net Present Value Benefit.....	\$2,841,970.01
Net PV Benefit / \$77,045,000 Refunded Principal.....	3.689%
Net PV Benefit / \$77,405,000 Refunding Principal.....	3.672%
Net PV Benefit / \$24,053,010.55 PV Refunded Interest.....	11.815%
Average Annual Cash Flow Savings.....	217,314.32

Detail Costs Of Issuance

Dated 04/22/2026 | Delivered 04/22/2026

COSTS OF ISSUANCE DETAIL

Licensed Municipal Advisor.....	\$98,500.00
Bond Counsel.....	\$70,000.00
Rating Agency Fee.....	\$52,000.00
I-Preo Electronic Bidding.....	\$1,646.25
Registration/Paying Agent.....	\$850.00
Escrow Agent.....	\$250.00
TOTAL.....	\$223,246.25

*Excludes underwriter's discount, which will be determined by competitive sale and may not exceed 1% of the par amount of the Bonds.

EXHIBIT B

FORM OF REFUNDING ESCROW AGREEMENT

This Refunding Escrow Agreement is made and entered into as of the ____ day of _____, 2026 by and between Sullivan County, Tennessee (the "County"), and _____, _____, _____ (the "Agent").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County has previously issued its General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, dated March 30, 2017 and maturing _____ (the "Outstanding Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to provide for the refinancing of the Outstanding Bonds by depositing in escrow with the Agent funds as herein provided; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain a portion of the funds to be applied as herein provided, the County has authorized and issued its General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 (the "Refunding Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the proceeds derived from the sale of the Refunding Bonds will be deposited[, along with other available monies of the County,] in escrow with the Agent hereunder and applied as herein provided; and

WHEREAS, in order to create the escrow hereinabove described, provide for the deposit of a portion of said Refunding Bond proceeds and other available monies of the County and the application thereof, and to provide for the payment of the debt service on the Outstanding Bonds, the parties hereto do hereby enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants herein set forth, does by these presents hereby grant, warrant, demise, release, convey, assign, transfer, alien, pledge, set over and confirm, to the Agent, and to its successors hereunder, and to it and its assigns forever, in escrow, all and singular the property hereinafter described to wit:

DIVISION I

All right, title and interest of the County in and to \$_____ (consisting of \$_____ derived from the proceeds of the sale of the Refunding Bonds and \$_____ other available monies of the County).

DIVISION II

Any and all other property of every kind and nature from time to time hereafter, by delivery or by writing of any kind, conveyed, pledged, assigned or transferred in escrow hereunder by the County or by anyone in its behalf to the Agent, which is hereby authorized to receive the same at any time to be held in escrow hereunder.

DIVISION III

All property that is by the express provisions of this Agreement required to be subject to the pledge hereof and any additional property that may, from time to time hereafter, by delivery or by writing of any kind, be subject to the pledge hereof, by the County or by anyone in its behalf, and the Agent is hereby authorized to receive the same at any time to be held in escrow hereunder.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the escrowed property, including all additional property which by the terms hereof has or may become subject to this Agreement, unto the Agent, and its successors and assigns, forever.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

SECTION 1.01. Definitions. In addition to words and terms elsewhere defined in this Agreement, the following words and terms as used in this Agreement shall have the following meanings, unless some other meaning is plainly intended:

“Agent” means _____, _____, _____, its successors and assigns.

“Agreement” means this Refunding Escrow Agreement, dated as of the date of the Refunding Bonds, between the County and the Agent.

“County” means the Sullivan County, Tennessee.

“Escrow Fund” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.01 hereof.

“Escrow Property”, “escrow property” or “escrowed property” means the property, rights and interest of the County that are described in Divisions I through III of this Agreement and hereinabove conveyed in escrow to the Agent.

“Outstanding Bonds” has the meanings in the recitals hereto.

“Refunding Bonds” has the meanings in the recitals hereto.

“Written Request” shall mean a request in writing signed by the County Mayor of the County or by any other officer or official of the County duly authorized by the County to act in his place.

SECTION 1.02. Construction. Words of the masculine gender shall be deemed and construed to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders. Words importing the singular number shall include the plural number and vice versa unless the context shall otherwise indicate. The word “person” shall include corporations, associations, natural persons and public bodies unless the context shall otherwise indicate. Reference to a person other than a natural person shall include its successors.

ARTICLE II

ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

SECTION 2.01. Creation of Escrow; Deposit of Funds. The County hereby creates and establishes with the Agent a special and irrevocable escrow composed of the Escrowed Property and hereby deposits with the Agent and the Agent hereby acknowledges receipt of \$_____ as described in Division I hereof. The monies so deposited, together with investment income therefrom, is herein referred to as the “Escrow Fund” and shall constitute a fund to be held by the Agent as a part of the Escrowed Property created, established, and governed by this Agreement.

SECTION 2.02. Investment of Funds. The monies described in Section 2.01 hereof shall be held or invested as follows:

(i) the amount of \$_____ shall be used to purchase the Government Securities described on Exhibit B attached hereto; and

(ii) the amount of \$_____ shall be held as cash in a non-interest-bearing account.

Except as provided in Sections 2.04 and 2.06 hereof, the investment income from the Government Securities in the Escrow Fund shall be credited to the Escrow Fund and shall not be reinvested. The Agent shall have no power or duty to invest any monies held hereunder or to make substitutions of Government Securities held hereunder or to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the Government Securities acquired hereunder except as provided herein.

SECTION 2.03. Disposition of Escrow Funds. The Agent shall without further authorization or direction from the County collect the principal on the Government Securities promptly as the same shall fall due. From the Escrow Fund, to the extent that monies therein are sufficient for such purpose, the Agent shall make timely payments to the proper paying agent or agents, or their successors, for the Outstanding Bonds of monies sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Outstanding Bonds as the same shall become due and payable. Amounts and dates of principal and interest payments and the name and address of the paying agent with respect to the Outstanding Bonds are set forth on Exhibit A. Payment on the dates and to the paying agent in accordance with Exhibit A shall constitute full performance by the Agent of its duties hereunder with respect to each respective payment. The County represents and warrants that the Escrow Fund, if held, invested and disposed of by the Agent in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, will be sufficient to make the foregoing payments. No paying agent fees, fees and expenses of the Agent, or any other costs and expenses associated with the Refunding Bonds or the Outstanding Bonds shall be paid from the Escrow Fund, and the County agrees to pay all such fees, expenses, and costs from its legally available funds as such payments become due. When the Agent has made all required

payments of principal and interest on the Outstanding Bonds to the paying agent as hereinabove provided, the Agent shall transfer any monies or Government Securities then held hereunder to the County and this Agreement shall terminate.

SECTION 2.04. Excess Funds. Except as provided in Section 2.06 hereof, amounts held by the Agent, representing interest on the Government Securities in excess of the amount necessary to make the corresponding payment of principal and/or interest on the Outstanding Bonds, shall be held by the Agent without interest and shall be applied before any other Escrow Fund monies to the payment of the next ensuing principal and/or interest payment on the Outstanding Bonds. Upon retirement of all the Outstanding Bonds, the Agent shall pay any excess amounts remaining in the Escrow Fund to the County.

SECTION 2.05. Reports. The Escrow Agent shall deliver to the County Clerk of the County a monthly report summarizing all transactions relating to the Escrow Fund; and on or before the first day of August of each year shall deliver to the County Clerk a report current as of May 30 of that year, which shall summarize all transactions relating to the Escrow Fund effected during the immediately preceding fiscal year of the County and which also shall set forth all assets in the Escrow Fund as of May 30 and set forth opening and closing balances thereof for that fiscal year.

SECTION 2.06. Investment of Moneys Remaining in Escrow Fund. The Agent may invest and reinvest any monies remaining from time to time in the Escrow Fund until such time as they are needed. Such monies shall be invested in Government Obligations, maturing no later than the next interest payment date of the Outstanding Bonds, or for such periods or at such interest rates as the Agent shall be directed by Written Request, provided, however, that the County shall furnish the Agent, as a condition precedent to such investment, with an opinion from nationally recognized bond counsel stating that such reinvestment of such monies will not, under the statutes, rules and regulations then in force and applicable to obligations issued on the date of issuance of the Refunding Bonds, cause the interest on the Refunding Bonds or the Outstanding Bonds not to be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes and that such investment is not inconsistent with the statutes and regulations applicable to the Refunding Bonds or the Outstanding Bonds. Any interest income resulting from reinvestment of monies pursuant to this Section 2.06 shall be applied first to the payment of principal of and interest on the Outstanding Bonds to the extent the Escrow is or will be insufficient to retire the Outstanding Bonds as set forth on Exhibit A and any excess shall be paid to the County to be applied to the payment of the Refunding Bonds or the expenses of issuance thereof.

SECTION 2.07. Irrevocable Escrow Created. The deposit of monies in the Escrow Fund shall constitute an irrevocable deposit of said monies for the benefit of the holder of the Outstanding Bonds except as provided herein with respect to amendments permitted under Section 4.01 hereof. All the funds and accounts created and established pursuant to this Agreement shall be and constitute escrow funds for the purposes provided in this Agreement and shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds of the County and the Agent and used only for the purposes and in the manner provided in this Agreement.

SECTION 2.08. Redemption of the Outstanding Bonds. Unless notice of redemption has been given to the holders of the Outstanding Bonds prior to delivery of the Refunding Bonds, the Outstanding Bonds shall be redeemed as stated on Exhibit C attached hereto. The Agent is authorized to give notice to the paying agent for the Outstanding Bonds not less than 45 days prior to the stated respective redemption dates of the Outstanding Bonds directing the paying agent bank to give notice to the holders of the Outstanding Bonds as and when required by the resolution authorizing the Outstanding Bonds.

ARTICLE III

CONCERNING THE AGENT

SECTION 3.01. Appointment of Agent. The County hereby appoints the Agent as escrow agent under this Agreement.

SECTION 3.02. Acceptance by Agent. By execution of this Agreement, the Agent accepts the duties and obligations as Agent hereunder. The Agent further represents that it has all requisite power, and has taken all corporate actions necessary to execute the escrow hereby created.

SECTION 3.03. Liability of Agent. The Agent shall be under no obligation to inquire into or be in any way responsible for the performance or nonperformance by the County or any paying agent of its obligations, or to protect any of the County's rights under any bond proceedings or any of the County's other contracts with or franchises or privileges from any state, county, municipal or other governmental agency or with any person. The Agent shall not be liable for any act done or step taken or omitted to be taken by it, or for any mistake of fact or law, or anything which it may do or refrain from doing, except for its own negligence or willful misconduct in the performance or nonperformance of any obligation imposed upon it hereunder. The Agent shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for the recitals or statements contained herein or in the Outstanding Bonds or in the Refunding Bonds or in any proceedings taken in connection therewith, but they are made solely by the County. The Agent shall have no lien whatsoever upon any of the monies or investments in the Escrow Fund for the payment of fees and expenses for services rendered by the Agent under this Agreement.

The Agent shall not be liable for the accuracy of the calculations as to the sufficiency of Escrow Fund monies and Government Securities and the earnings thereon to pay the Outstanding Bonds. So long as the Agent applies any monies, the Government Securities to pay the Outstanding Bonds as provided herein, and complies fully with the terms of this Agreement, the Agent shall not be liable for any deficiencies in the amounts necessary to pay the Outstanding Bonds caused by such calculations. The Agent shall not be liable or responsible for any loss resulting from any investment made pursuant to this Agreement and in full compliance with the provisions hereof.

In the event of the Agent's failure to account for any of the Government Securities or monies received by it, said Government Securities or monies shall be and remain the property of the County in escrow for the benefit of the holders of the Outstanding Bonds, as herein provided, and if for any improper reason such Government Securities or monies are applied to purposes not provided for herein or misappropriated by the Agent, the assets of the Agent shall be impressed with a trust for the amount thereof until the required application of such funds shall be made or such funds shall be restored to the Escrow Fund.

SECTION 3.04. Permitted Acts. The Agent and its affiliates may become the owner of or may deal in the Refunding Bonds as fully and with the same rights as if it were not the Agent.

SECTION 3.05. Exculpation of Funds of Agent. Except as set forth in Section 3.03, none of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall require the Agent to use or advance its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or the exercise of any of its rights or powers hereunder. The Agent shall be under no liability for interest on any funds or other property received by it hereunder, except as herein expressly provided.

SECTION 3.06. Qualifications of Agent. There shall at all times be an Agent hereunder that shall be a corporation or banking association organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or any state, located in the State of Tennessee, authorized under the laws of its incorporation to exercise the powers herein granted, having a combined capital, surplus, and undivided profits of at least \$75,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority. If such corporation or association publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of any supervising or examining authority above referred to, then for the purposes of this paragraph the combined capital, surplus, and undivided profits of such corporation or association shall be deemed to be its combined capital, surplus, and undivided profits as set forth in its most recent report of condition as published. In case at any time the Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this section, the Agent shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified herein.

SECTION 3.07. Payment to Agent. The County agrees to pay the Agent, as reasonable and proper compensation under this Agreement the sum of \$_____. The Agent shall be entitled to reimbursement of all advances, counsel fees and expenses, and other costs made or incurred by the Agent in connection with its services and/or its capacity as Agent or resulting therefrom. In addition, the County agrees to pay to the Agent all out-of-pocket expenses and costs of the Agent incurred by the Agent in the performance of its duties hereunder, including all publication, mailing and other expenses associated with the payment of debt service of the Outstanding Bonds; provided, however, that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the County agrees to indemnify the Agent and hold it harmless against any liability which it may incur while acting in good faith in its capacity as Agent under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any court costs and attorneys' fees, and such indemnification shall be paid from available funds of the County and shall not give rise to any claim against the Escrow Fund.

SECTION 3.08. Resignation of Agent. The Agent may at any time resign by giving direct written notice to the County and by giving the holder of the Outstanding Bonds by first-class mail of such resignation. Upon receiving such notice of resignation, the County shall promptly appoint a successor escrow agent by resolution of its governing body. If no successor escrow agent shall have been appointed and have accepted appointment within thirty (30) days after the publication of such notice of resignation, the resigning Agent may petition any court of competent jurisdiction located in Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the appointment of a successor, or any holder of the Outstanding Bonds may, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated, petition any such court for the appointment of a successor. Such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, appoint a successor meeting the qualifications set forth in Section 3.06. The Agent shall serve as escrow agent hereunder until its successor shall have been appointed and such successor shall have accepted the appointment.

SECTION 3.09. Removal of Agent. In case at any time the Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.06 hereof and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the County or by any holder of the Outstanding Bonds, or the Agent shall become incapable of acting or shall be adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent or a receiver of the Agent or any of its property shall be

appointed, or any public officer shall take charge or control of the Agent or its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation, or liquidation, then in any such case, the County may remove the Agent and appoint a successor by resolution of its governing body or any such holder may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction situated in the County for the removal of the Agent and the appointment of a successor. Such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, remove the Agent and appoint a successor who shall meet the qualifications set forth in Section 3.08. Unless incapable of serving, the Agent shall serve as escrow agent hereunder until its successor shall have been appointed and such successor shall have accepted the appointment.

Any resignation or removal of the Agent and appointment of a successor pursuant to any of the provisions of this Agreement shall become effective upon acceptance of appointment by the successor as provided in Section 3.10 hereof.

SECTION 3.10. Acceptance by Successor. Any successor escrow agent appointed as provided in this Agreement shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the County and to its predecessor an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder and agreeing to be bound by the terms hereof, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the predecessor shall become effective and such successor, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor, with like effect as if originally named as Agent herein; but, nevertheless, on Written Request of the County or the request of the successor, the predecessor shall execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor all rights, powers and escrow property of the predecessor. Upon request of any such successor, the County shall execute any and all instruments in writing for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor all such rights, powers and duties. No successor shall accept appointment as provided herein unless at the time of such acceptance such successor shall be eligible under the provisions of Section 3.07 hereof.

Any corporation into which the Agent may be merged or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger or consolidation to which the Agent shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to the business of the Agent, shall be the successor of the Agent hereunder without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, provided that such successor shall be eligible under the provisions of Section 3.07 hereof.

ARTICLE IV

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 4.01. Amendments to this Agreement. This Agreement is made for the benefit of the County, the holders from time to time for the Outstanding Bonds and it shall not be repealed, revoked, altered or amended without the written consent of all such holders, the Agent and the County; provided, however, that the County and the Agent may, without the consent of, or notice to, such holders, enter into such agreements supplemental to this Agreement as shall not adversely affect the rights of such holders and

as shall not be inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Agreement, for any one or more of the following purposes:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity or formal defect or omission in this Agreement;
- (b) to grant to, or confer upon, the Agent for the benefit of the holder[s] of the Outstanding Bonds any additional rights, remedies, powers or authority that may lawfully be granted to, or conferred upon, such holders or the Agent; and
- (c) to subject to this Agreement additional funds, securities or properties.

The Agent shall be entitled to rely exclusively upon an unqualified opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel with respect to compliance with this Section, including the extent, if any, to which any change, modification, addition or elimination affects the rights of the holder of the Outstanding Bonds or that any instrument executed hereunder complies with the conditions and provisions of this Section.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of this Agreement, upon Written Request and upon compliance with the conditions hereinafter stated, the Agent shall have the power to and shall, in simultaneous transactions, sell, transfer, otherwise dispose of or request the redemption of the Government Obligations held hereunder and to substitute therefor direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully guaranteed by the United States of America, subject to the condition that such monies or securities held by the Agent shall be sufficient to pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Outstanding Bonds. The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will not request the Agent to exercise any of the powers described in the preceding sentence in any manner which will cause the Refunding Bonds or Outstanding Bonds to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code in effect on the date of such request and applicable to obligations issued on the issue date of the Refunding Bonds. The Agent shall purchase such substituted securities with the proceeds derived from the maturity, sale, transfer, disposition or redemption of the Government Obligations held hereunder or from other monies available. The transactions may be effected only if there shall have been submitted to the Agent: (1) an independent verification by a nationally recognized independent certified public accounting firm concerning the adequacy of such substituted securities with respect to principal and the interest thereon and any other monies or securities held for such purpose to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Outstanding Bonds in the manner required by the proceedings which authorized their issuance; and (2) an opinion from nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that the disposition and substitution or purchase of such securities will not, under the statutes, rules and regulations then in force and applicable to obligations issued on the date of issuance of the Refunding Bonds, or Outstanding Bonds cause the interest on the Refunding Bonds not to be exempt from Federal income taxation. Any surplus monies resulting from the sale, transfer, other disposition or redemption of the Government Obligations held hereunder and the substitutions therefor of direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which is fully guaranteed by, the United States of America, shall be released from the Escrow Fund and shall be transferred to the County.

SECTION 4.02. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held or deemed to be invalid or shall, in fact, be illegal, inoperative or unenforceable, the same shall not affect any other provision or provisions herein contained or render the same invalid, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatever.

SECTION 4.03. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Tennessee.

SECTION 4.04. Notices. Any notice, request, communication or other paper shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when delivered or mailed by Registered or Certified Mail, postage prepaid, or sent by telegram as follows:

To the County:

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Sullivan County Courthouse
3411 Highway 126, Suite 206
Blountville, Tennessee 37617
Attn: Director of Accounts and Budgets

To the Agent:

The County and the Agent may designate in writing any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, requests, communications or other papers shall be sent.

SECTION 4.05. Agreement Binding. All the covenants, promises and agreements in this Agreement contained by or on behalf of the parties shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 4.06. Termination. This Agreement shall terminate when all transfers and payments required to be made by the Agent under the provisions hereof shall have been made.

SECTION 4.07. Execution by Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, all or any of which shall be regarded for all purposes as one original and shall constitute and be but one and the same instrument.

Signatures on Following Page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused this Agreement to be signed in its name by its County Mayor and attested by its County Clerk and the official seal of the County to be impressed hereon, and the Agent has caused this Agreement to be signed in its corporate name by its duly authorized officer, all as of the day and date first above written.

SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

By: _____

County Mayor

(SEAL)

County Clerk

as Escrow Agent

By: _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT A

Sullivan County, Tennessee

Debt Service of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, dated March 30, 2017 and maturing

Paying Agent: _____

EXHIBIT B

Government Securities

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
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Total Cost of Securities: \$ _____

Initial Cash Deposit: \$ _____

EXHIBIT C-1

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION
SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sullivan County, Tennessee (the "County"), has elected to and does exercise its option to call and redeem on [_____, 2026] all the County's outstanding bonds (the "Outstanding Bonds") as follows:

General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, dated March 30, 2017 and maturing

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Cusip No.</u>
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The owners of the above-described Outstanding Bonds are hereby notified to present the same to the offices of U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, where redemption shall be made at the redemption price of par, plus interest accrued to the redemption date:

The redemption price will become due and payable on _____, 2026, upon each such Bond herein called for redemption and such Bond shall not bear interest beyond _____, 2026.

Important Notice: Withholding of 24% of gross redemption proceeds of any payment made within the United States may be required by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, unless the Paying Agent has the correct taxpayer identification number (social security or employer identification number) or exemption certificate of the payee. Please furnish a properly completed W 9 or exemption certificate or equivalent when presenting your securities.

Registration and Paying Agent

EXHIBIT C

FORM OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER OF BOND COUNSEL

LETTERHEAD OF BASS, BERRY & SIMS PLC

Sullivan County, Tennessee
Sullivan County Courthouse
3411 Highway 126, Suite 206
Blountville, Tennessee 37617
Attention: County Mayor

Re: Issuance of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2026

Dear Mayor:

The purpose of this engagement letter is to set forth certain matters concerning the services we will perform as bond counsel to Sullivan County, Tennessee (the "Issuer"), in connection with the issuance of the above-referenced bonds (the "Bonds"). We understand that the Bonds are being issued for the purpose of providing funds necessary to refinance certain outstanding bonds of the Issuer identified in the resolution authorizing the Bonds adopted on March 17, 2026 (the "Resolution") and to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds, as more fully set forth in the Resolution. We further understand that the Bonds will be sold by competitive sale, and that Stephens Inc. is serving as the County's municipal advisor.

SCOPE OF ENGAGEMENT

In this engagement, we expect to perform the following duties:

1. Subject to the completion of proceedings to our satisfaction, render our legal opinion (the Bond Opinion) regarding the validity and binding effect of the Bonds, the source of payment and security for the Bonds, and the includability of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes.
2. Prepare and review documents necessary or appropriate for the authorization, issuance and delivery of the Bonds, coordinate the authorization and execution of such documents, and review enabling legislation.
3. Assist the Issuer in seeking from other governmental authorities such approvals, permissions and exemptions as we determine are necessary or appropriate in connection

with the authorization, issuance, and delivery of the Bonds, except that we will not be responsible for any required blue-sky filings.

4. Review legal issues relating to the structure of the Bond issue.
5. Draft those sections of the official statement to be disseminated in connection with the sale of the Bonds, describing the Bond Opinion, the terms of and security for the Bonds, and the treatment of the Bonds and interest thereon under state and federal tax law.
6. Assist the Issuer in presenting information to bond rating organizations and providers of credit enhancement relating to legal issues affecting the issuance of the Bonds, if requested.
7. Prepare and review the notice of sale pertaining to the competitive sale of the Bonds, if any, and review the bond purchase agreement, if sold at negotiated sale.

Our Bond Opinion will be addressed to the Issuer and will be delivered by us on the date the Bonds are exchanged for their purchase price (the "Closing").

The Bond Opinion will be based on facts and law existing as of its date. In rendering our Bond Opinion, we will rely upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and other persons furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation, and we will assume continuing compliance by the Issuer with applicable laws relating to the Bonds. During the course of this engagement, we will rely on you to provide us with complete and timely information on all developments pertaining to any aspect of the Bonds and their security. We understand that you will direct members of your staff and other employees of the Issuer to cooperate with us in this regard.

Our duties in this engagement are limited to those expressly set forth above. Among other things, our duties do not include:

- a. Except as described in paragraph (5) above,
 - 1) Assisting in the preparation or review of an official statement or any other disclosure document with respect to the Bonds, or
 - 2) Performing an independent investigation to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any such document, or

- 3) Rendering advice that the official statement or other disclosure documents
 - a) Do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or
 - b) Do not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- b. Preparing requests for tax rulings from the Internal Revenue Service, or no action letters from the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- c. Preparing blue sky or investment surveys with respect to the Bonds.
- d. Drafting state constitutional or legislative amendments.
- e. Pursuing test cases or other litigation, (such as contested validation proceedings).
- f. Making an investigation or expressing any view as to the creditworthiness of the Issuer or the Bonds.
- g. Opining on any continuing disclosure undertaking or providing advice concerning any actions necessary to assure compliance with any continuing disclosure undertaking.
- h. Representing the Issuer in Internal Revenue Service examinations or inquiries, or Securities and Exchange Commission investigations.
- i. After Closing, providing continuing advice to the Issuer or any other party concerning any actions necessary to assure that interest paid on the Bonds will continue to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes (e.g., our engagement does not include rebate calculations for the Bonds).
- j. Addressing any other matter not specifically set forth above that is not required to render our Bond Opinion.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP

Upon execution of this engagement letter, the Issuer will be our client and an attorney-client relationship will exist between us. We assume that all other parties will retain such counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate to represent their interests in this transaction. We further assume that all other parties understand that in this transaction we represent only the Issuer, we are not counsel to any other party, and we are not acting as an intermediary among the parties. Our services as bond counsel are limited to those contracted for in this letter; the Issuer's execution of this engagement letter will constitute an acknowledgment of those limitations. Our representation of the Issuer will not affect, however, our responsibility to render an objective Bond Opinion. Please note that, in our representation of the Issuer, we will not act as a "municipal advisor", as such term is defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Our representation of the Issuer and the attorney-client relationship created by this engagement letter will be concluded upon issuance of the Bonds. Nevertheless, subsequent to Closing, we will mail the appropriate Internal Revenue Service Forms 8038-G, and prepare and distribute to the participants in the transaction a transcript of the proceedings pertaining to the Bonds.

As you are aware, our firm represents many political subdivisions, companies and individuals. It is possible that during the time that we are representing the Issuer, one or more of our present or future clients will have transactions with the Issuer. It is also possible that we may be asked to represent, in an unrelated matter, one or more of the entities involved in the issuance of the Bonds. We do not believe such representation, if it occurs, will adversely affect our ability to represent you as provided in this letter, either because such matters will be sufficiently different from the issuance of the Bonds as to make such representations not adverse to our representation of you, or because the potential for such adversity is remote or minor and outweighed by the consideration that it is unlikely that advice given to the other client will be relevant to any aspect of the issuance of the Bonds.

FEES

Based upon: (i) our current understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing represented by the Bonds; (ii) the duties we will undertake pursuant to this engagement letter; (iii) the time we anticipate devoting to the financings; and (iv) the responsibilities we will assume in connection therewith, we estimate that our fee will be \$70,000 for the Bonds. Our fees may vary: (a) if the principal amount of Bonds actually issued differs significantly from the amounts stated above; (b) if material changes in the structure or schedule of the respective financings occur; (c) if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise which require a significant increase in our time or responsibility; or (d) the Bonds are issued as tax-exempt bonds. If, at any time, we believe that circumstances require an adjustment of our original fee estimates, we will advise you and prepare and provide to you an amendment to this engagement letter. The fees quoted above will include all out-of-pocket expenses advanced for your benefit, such as travel costs, photocopying, deliveries, long distance telephone charges, telecopier charges, filing fees, computer-assisted research and other expenses.

If, for any reason, the financing represented by the Bonds is completed without the delivery of our Bond Opinion as bond counsel or our services are otherwise terminated, we will expect to be compensated

at our normal rates for the time actually spent on your behalf plus client charges as described above unless we have failed to meet our responsibilities under this engagement, but in no event will our fees exceed the amount set forth above.

RECORDS

At your request, papers and property furnished by you will be returned promptly upon receipt of payment for outstanding fees and client charges. All goods, documents, records, and other work product and property produced during the performance of this engagement are deemed to be Issuer's property. We agree to maintain documentation for all charges against the Issuer. Our books, records, and documents, insofar as they relate to work performed or money received under this engagement, shall be maintained for a period of three (3) full years from the respective Closings and will be subject to audit, at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by the Issuer or its duly appointed representatives.

OTHER MATTERS

We have not retained any persons to solicit or secure this engagement from the Issuer upon an agreement or understanding for a contingent commission, percentage, or brokerage fee. We have not offered any employee of the Issuer a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with this engagement and no employee has requested or agreed to accept a gratuity or offer of employment in connection with this engagement.

Any modification or amendment to this Engagement Letter must be in writing, executed by us and contain the signatures of the Issuer. The validity, construction and effect of this Engagement Letter and any and all extensions and/or modifications thereof shall be governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee. Any action between the parties arising from this Engagement Letter shall be maintained in the state or federal courts of Davidson County, Tennessee.

CONCLUSION

If the foregoing terms are acceptable to you, please so indicate by returning the enclosed copy of this engagement letter dated and signed by an authorized officer, retaining the original for your files. We look forward to working with you.

SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

BASS, BERRY & SIMS PLC:

By: _____
County Mayor

By: _____
Jeff Oldham, Member

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN)

I, Teresa Jacobs, certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting County Clerk of Sullivan County, Tennessee, and as such official I further certify that attached hereto is a copy of excerpts from the minutes of a regular called meeting of the governing body of the County held on March 17, 2026, that these minutes were promptly and fully recorded and are open to public inspection; that I have compared said copy with the original minute record of said meeting in my official custody; and that said copy is a true, correct and complete transcript from said original minute record insofar as said original record relates to the County's General Obligation School Refunding Bonds.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of said County this ____ day of _____, 2026.

County Clerk

(SEAL)

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Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted 19th day of March 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: Zane Vanover
Zane Vanover, Chairman Pro Tempore, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: Teresa Jacobs
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the 23rd day of March, 2026 at or about the following time 10:00 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

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Dwight King.

FISCAL NOTE: 03/18/26 Budget Committee unanimous vote to recommend approval to full commission on March 19.

ACTIONS: 03/19/26 (Regular Session) Approved on Waiver of Rules 20 Yes, 4 Absent

Agenda subject voting report

Meeting name

Sullivan County Commission March 19 2026

3/19/2026

27 Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-03-11 Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
Vote

298

Description

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS THEREOF AND THE DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS THEREFROM; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS.

Chairman

Gardner, John

Total vote result

Voting start time 7:05:29 PM
Voting stop time 7:05:49 PM
Voting configuration Vote
Voting mode Open
Vote result

Yes	20
Abstain	0
No	0
Total Present	20
Absent	4

Group voting result

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

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			

Report On Debt Obligation

Entity and Debt Information		
Entity Name		
Sullivan County		
Entity Address		
3411 Highway 126, Suite 206 Blountville, Tennessee 37617		
Debt Issue Name		
General Obligation Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2026		
Series Year		
2026		
Debt Issue Face Amount		
\$1,522,000.00		
Face Amount Premium or Discount?		
N/A		
Tax Status		
Tax - Exempt		
Interest Type		True Interest Cost(TIC)
True Interest Cost (TIC)		2.851476%
Debt Obligation		
Note - Capital Outlay Note		
Moody's Rating	Standard & Poor's Rating	Fitch Rating
Unrated	Unrated	Unrated
Other Rating Agency Name		Other Rating Agency Rating
N/A		N/A
Security		
General Obligation		
Type of Sale Per Authorizing Document		
Informal Bid		
Dated Date	Issue/Closing Date	Final Maturity Date
3/19/2026	3/19/2026	6/1/2029

Debt Purpose		
Purpose	Percentage	Description
Other	100%	new vehicles for the county's Sheriff Department
Education	0%	N/A
General Government	0%	N/A
Refunding	0%	N/A
Utilities	0%	N/A

Cost of Issuance and Professionals			
Does your Debt Issue have costs or professionals?			
Yes			
Description	Amount	Recurring Portion	Firm Name
Legal Fees - Bond Counsel	\$3,000.00	N/A	Bass, Berry & Sims PLC
TOTAL COSTS	\$3,000.00		

Maturity Dates, Amounts, and Interest Rates

Comments

Year	Amount	Interest Rate
2026	\$381,000.00	2.850%
2027	\$381,000.00	2.850%
2028	\$380,000.00	2.850%
2029	\$380,000.00	2.850%
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$1,522,000.00	

See final page for Submission Details and Signatures

Submission Details and Signatures

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

Yes

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

Larry Bailey - Finance/Budget Director

Signature - Chief Executive or Finance Officer of the Public Entity

Name

Richard Venable

Title/Position

Mayor

Email

rvenable@sullivancountytn.gov

Alternate Email

larry.bailey@sullivancountytn.gov

Signature - Preparer (Submitter) of This Form

Name

Jeff Oldham

Title/Position

Member

Email

joldham@bassberry.com

Alternate Email

Ava.Young@bassberry.com

Relationship to Public Entity

Bond Counsel

Organization

Bass, Berry & Sims PLC

Verification of Form Accuracy

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

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

Verify Form Accuracy

Date to be Presented at Public Meeting

03/19/2026

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

N/A

Final Confirmation:

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



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LIBERTY CELEBRATION 2026

7:00 PM, FRIDAY JUNE 26 and 2:00 PM, SATURDAY JUNE 27

EASTMAN TOY REID EMPLOYEE CENTER

KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE

Website: libertycelebration.com

Facebook: Liberty Celebration- Kingsport TN

Advertise in the 2026 Liberty Celebration commemorative keepsake program

- Full page (8½ X 11) \$500 ___
- Half page (8½ X 5½) \$250 ___
- One third page (8½ X 2¾) \$200 ___
- Quarter page (4¾ X 5½) \$125 ___
- Business card \$ 60 ___

**Mail check and business card or check and print ready copy
to:**

PO Box: 3641 Kingsport, TN 37663

**Provide contact name, email, and phone number to discuss
your advertisement.**

Liberty Celebration is a 501C3 organization

Sullivan County



AND THEREUPON COUNTY COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M. UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LOCKE TO MEET AGAIN IN WORK SESSION ON APRIL 9, 2026.



ZANE VANOVER

CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE