

SULLIVAN COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners  
October 10, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

**COUNTY COMMISSION REZONING HEARING**

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

Item 1            Resolution No. 2024-01-01

Sponsors: Calton/ Gardner

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

- Case #1: A Plus Plumbing, Inc, Bristol Caverns Hwy., B-1 to B-3, Commission District 1

**Public Comment on APlus Plumbing Request**

- Case #2: Mullins, 112 Liberty Church Rd., R-1 to B-3, Commission District

**Public Comment on Mulins request.**

- ❖ Adjournment of Rezoning Hearing.



Sullivan County  
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244th Annual Session

Item 1  
Resolution No. 2024-10-01

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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

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

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

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

All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 10th day of October 2024.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Richard S. Venable, Mayor

**Introduced by: Commissioner Darlene Calton**



**Seconded by: Commissioner John Gardner**

2024-10-01 ACTIONS: Introduced at rezoning requests public hearing meeting, October 1, 2024  
for vote.



**COUNTY COMMISSION WORK SESSION**

**October 10, 2024**

- ❖ Public Comment
- ❖ Review of Old Business and Draft Resolutions
- ❖ Announcements

**OLD BUSINESS**

Item 1 Resolution No. 2024-09-08

Sponsors: Vanover/Hayes

**A RESOLUTION TO RECORD THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION'S SUPPORT OF COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK OR OTHER OPTIONS TO ALLOW FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES, AT THEIR DISCRETION, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SERVICES AND/OR RECRUIT/RETAIN EMPLOYEES, WITHOUT ANY REDUCTION IN DAYS/HOURS OF ACCESS TO SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC.**

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Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-09-12

Sponsors: Stidham/Crosswhite

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO RETAIN AN ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE A DAILY PRESENCE ON NASHVILLE TO REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY AND ITS TAXPAYERS BY MONITORING DAY-TO-DAY PROGRESS OF POTENTIAL STATE LAWS AND PROVIDE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION.**

**DRAFT RESOLUTIONS**

Item 3 Resolution No. to be assigned.

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Carr

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VACATING AND QUITCLAIMING EXCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY TO TIM AND BRENDA BARB, MICHAEL ROBINETTE, DONNA BENNETT, AND REESE DONALD, HOMEOWNERS ADJACENT TO THE UNIMPROVED, UNOPENED PORTION OF ALHAMBRA DRIVE, BRISTOL.**



Item 4 Resolution No. to be assigned.

Sponsors: Cole/Cross

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE 2024-2025 TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE APPLICATION FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT, ACCEPT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS.**



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*Board of County Commissioners*  
**244<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

Item 1  
Resolution No. 2024-09-08

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**A RESOLUTION TO RECORD THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION'S SUPPORT OF COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK OR OTHER OPTIONS TO ALLOW FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES, AT THEIR DISCRETION, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SERVICES AND/OR RECRUIT/RETAIN EMPLOYEES, WITHOUT ANY REDUCTION IN DAYS/HOURS OF ACCESS TO SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission is proud of its departments and offices and the appointed or elected officials who run them, and especially appreciative of the dedicated employees who are the backbone of the public services provided by the county; and

WHEREAS, some studies have shown that a four-day work week may be beneficial to both employers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission supports efforts to maximize opportunities for the best public service possible, while balancing that with opportunities to enhance the workplace environment of the county's employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission is on record as supporting consideration of benefits, if any, to a four-day work week by any department head or elected official who wishes to consider options which would not eliminate public services being available Mondays through Fridays and at not additional cost to the county.

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

Duly passed and approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk                      Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

SPONSOR: Commissioner Zane Vanover  
COSPONSOR: Commissioner David Hayes

2024-09-08 ACTION: Introduced at Monthly Meeting on September 19, 2024, on First Reading. – JHO III



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Item 2  
No. 2024-09-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO RETAIN AN ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE A DAILY PRESENCE ON NASHVILLE TO REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY AND ITS TAXPAYERS BY MONITORING DAY-TO-DAY PROGRESS OF POTENTIAL STATE LAWS AND PROVIDE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION.**

Whereas, the Sullivan County Commission and County Constitutional Officeholders commend our Legislative delegation on their outstanding representation of their Sullivan County constituents and Sullivan County governments; and

Whereas, the Tennessee General Assembly will, during the upcoming session, file nearly 2000 pieces of legislation; and

Whereas, during the Legislative session many of these bills are acted on daily and many of these bills will affect our County government and our taxpayers, with many of these bills having potential to pit urban vs. rural interests; and

Whereas, our outstanding delegation of state legislators are required to vote on these bills; and

Whereas, our elected State Representatives and State Senators serve both urban and rural constituencies; and

Whereas, Sullivan County is represented in Nashville by many outstanding organizations such as TSEA, ACM, TCCA and others, and these organizations do an excellent job for all 95 counties in Tennessee; and

Whereas, many counties across the state have different interests than Sullivan County, and the Sullivan County Commission needs real time reporting of legislation progress on items pertaining to Sullivan County's particular interests to best meet the needs of county residents and taxpayers; and

Whereas it is not reasonable to request that our legislators lobby against the interest of any of their constituents or governments; and

Whereas, the Sullivan County Commission needs a Legislative Session review at the end of session.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission authorizes the County Mayor to enter into a one-year agreement to retain an organization to provide a daily presence on Nashville to assist our legislators when requested, to present Sullivan County positions on pending legislation to other 128 legislators and to provide periodic legislative reports to the Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor is authorized to commit up to \$45,000 for this contracted service and funds are to be provided from the current County Commission account.





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.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

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

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

**Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham**

**Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite**

2024-09-12 ACTIONS: Introduced on First Reding at Monthly Meeting, September 19, 2024. – JHO  
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Item 3  
Resolution No. To be assigned

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of October, 2024.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VACATING AND QUITCLAIMING EXCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY TO TIM AND BRENTA BARB, MICHAEL ROBINETTE, DONNA BENNETT, AND REESE DONALD, HOMEOWNERS ADJACENT TO THE UNIMPROVED, UNOPENED PORTION OF ALHAMBRA DRIVE, BRISTOL:

WHEREAS, the Bristol Regional Planning Commission reviewed and recommended for the request to close this particular portion of excess right-of-way of the unopened and unimproved portion of Alhambra Drive, during their regular meeting held on August 19, 2024 and

WHEREAS the original subdivision plat, found in Plat Book 8, Page 25, dedicated the right-of-way as being part of the original Rock Hill Park Subdivision, however the original developer did not construct the road; and

WHEREAS, this portion of the platted right-of-way is not part of the adopted County Road Atlas nor maintained by the County Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the proposed right-of-way closure of being only 0.234 of an acre in area, is illustrated on the most recent survey dated June 12, 2024, as prepared by Dan Mort, a registered land surveyor; and

WHEREAS this property is located within the 5th Civil District and the 3rd Commission District; and

WHEREAS this request has been reviewed by the Sullivan County Highway Commissioner's office, Planning Director, 911-Addressing Department, the Blountville Utility District, Bristol Planning & Development Services, Bristol Regional Planning Commission, Bristol Water & Sewer Department, and BTES engineering. BTES reserves their utility easement; however, there are no utility poles or existing utilities within this unimproved r-o-w.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby abandons 0.234 of an acre of Excess Right-of-Way of the unopened portion of Alhambra Drive located between Old Stage Drive and the Alhambra Drive, and authorizes the County Attorney to draft the appropriate quitclaim deed to the applicants, Tim & Brenta Barb, Michael Robinette, Reese Donald and Donna Bennett.

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

Waiver of Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.



Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor Commissioner Andrew Cross

Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: Potential resolution distributed at Work Session on Oct. 10, 2024. -- JHO III



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Item 4  
Resolution No. To be assigned

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of October, 2024.

RESOLUTION to Submit the 2024-2025 Tennessee Highway Safety Office Application for Impaired Driving Enforcement, Accept Funds and Appropriate Funds.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has administered the Tennessee Highway Safety Office grant for a number of years specifically to pay overtime for impaired driving detection and to purchase traffic safety equipment; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Community Based Traffic Safety Enforcement and Education grant application amount is \$30,000.00 with no matching funds required.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to execute and submit the 2024-2025 Tennessee Highway Safety Office grant application in the amount of \$30,000.00 and approve the funds to be used as required for law enforcement purposes by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of said grant application, Sullivan County is hereby authorized to receive, appropriate, and expend said grant funds; not to exceed the above amount (\$30,000.00), as required by the grant contract. The revenue account code for the grant is 47990-914 and the expenditure account codes for the grant are 54110.100.914 (\$30,000.00) respectively.

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.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Richard Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Michael Cole

Cosponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross

ACTIONS: Draft resolution presented at Work Session on Oct. 10, 2024. -- JHO III

