

SULLIVAN COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners  
Order of Business  
April 16, 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's: March 12 2026, Rezoning Hearing; March 19, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- ❖ Presentations & Recognitions
  - 1) Proclamation Honoring American Legion's "Be The One" campaign – Hammond Post 3, Kingsport.
  - 2) Proclamation Honoring American Legion's "Be The One" campaign – Hackler-Wood Post 145, Bristol.
  - 3) Proclamation Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
  - 4) Proclamation Recognizing April as National Donate Life Month.
  - 5) Proclamation Honoring Miss Tennessee Valley Teen 2026 Kinzlee Darnell.
  - 6) Proclamation Honoring Miss Bristol 2026 Colbey Fritts.
  - 7) Proclamation Recognizing Kinsey Richter as the first ever Miss Bristol Teen.
  - 8) Recognition of the Joint County/Cities America 250<sup>th</sup> Committee.
  - 9) Purchasing Agent Kris Davis – Update on Tourism RFQ process.
  - 10) Animal Shelter of Sullivan County Director Brani Perkey and Dr. Stone – brief presentation on the shelter.
  - 11) Networks Director Clay Walker – quarterly report
  - 12) NETTA Executive Director Alicia Phelps – quarterly report on NETTA's work promoting tourism for Sullivan County.
  - 13) Sullivan County Jail Update on Construction and Question and Answer Period, with Representatives of Various Stakeholders (SCSO; MBI; JA Street; County Project Oversight).
- ❖ Public Hearing on agenda items.
- ❖ Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- ❖ Consent Agenda (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

**Old Business**

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-03-08 (WAIVER OF RULES)  
Sponsors: Means/Ward  
**RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE PETTY JOHN ROAD BRIDGE IN HONOR OF  
CLP DONALD R. GONCE, USMC**

**New Business**

Item 2 Resolution 2026-04-02  
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner  
**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR  
\$50,000 FOR THE DAY TO DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.**

Item 3 Resolution 2026-04-03  
Sponsors: Cole/Vanover  
**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO  
ENTER INTO A FORTY-EIGHT (48) MONTH LEASE WITH RJ YOUNG FOR AN OFFICE  
COPIER**

Item 4 Resolution 2026-04-04  
Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite  
**RESOLUTION TO AMEND SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BUDGET FOR THE RPE PREVENTION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.**

Item 5 Resolution 2026-04-05  
Sponsors: Ward/Jones  
**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT  
INSTRUCTION IN THE 2025-26 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET**

Item 6 Resolution 2026-04-06  
Sponsors: Ward/Jones  
**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE JUUL SETTLEMENT REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
THE CATCH MY BREATH PROGRAM IN THE 2025-26 BUDGET**

Item 7 Resolution 2026-04-07  
Sponsors: Ward/Jones  
**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$30,000 IN TENNESSEE YOUTH  
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (TYEP) GRANT FUNDS FROM VOCATIONAL  
REHABILITATION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Item 8 Resolution 2026-04-08  
Sponsors: Ward/Jones  
**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET  
REGARDING THE SALE OF SURPLUS VOCATIONAL EQUIPMENT**

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Item 9                    Resolution 2026-04-09

Sponsors: Vanover/Ireson

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$73,662.44 TO THE NORTHEAST TENNESSEE  
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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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Sponsors: Ward/Jones

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**246th Annual Session**

**As Amended**  
Item 01  
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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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, meeting in regular session on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 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~~ **Sullivan County Highway Department**, 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

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

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

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

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Zane Vanover; **Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Joe McMurray.**  
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 1<sup>st</sup> Reading at next month's meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Locke.  
04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 04/16/26 as amended.

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Item 02  
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR \$50,000 FOR THE DAY TO DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.**

WHEREAS, PETWORKS is dedicated to providing the best possible care to lost and homeless animals and strives to end animal suffering and animal overpopulation through progressive and proactive policies and programs, including adoption, rescue, spay/neuter, and responsible ownership education.

WHEREAS, PETWORKS currently provides animal control services to the City of Kingsport and accepts animals that are dropped off at the shelter from anywhere in the Sullivan County area.

WHEREAS, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approves funding for the PETWORKS Animal Services in the amount of \$50,000. This amount is to be funded from the Fund Balance of the General Fund or other available funding.

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

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

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

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

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 Gary Stidham

Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading at regular session on 04/16/26.

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Item 03  
Resolution No. 2026-04-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A FORTY-EIGHT (48) MONTH LEASE WITH RJ YOUNG FOR AN OFFICE COPIER**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office currently has an existing copier lease with RJ Young, and this is to replace a small copier in the Pre-Trial Release office; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to execute a forty-eight (48) month lease @ \$193.45 per month with RJ Young.

**Waiver of the Rules Requested**

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

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

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

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

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

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**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Michael Cole.  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Travis Ward  
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 04/16/26.

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Item 04  
Resolution No. 2026-04-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR THE RPE PREVENTION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Regional Health Department has received additional grant funding from the State of Tennessee in the amount of \$10,000 ; and

WHEREAS, these funds are 100% funded by the State of Tennessee ; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes amending the health department budget as follows:

Appropriation: 55110.1170.300.111 Contracted Services \$10,000

Revenue Source: 47590.1170.111 State of TN-RPE \$10,000

**WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED**

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

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

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

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

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

**CONTINUED**

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means.

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 04/16/26.

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Item 05  
Resolution No. 2026-04-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTION IN THE 2025-26 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Department of Education has reimbursement for the provision of a dual enrollment instructor for various CTE programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are \$29,750.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the CTE department would like to utilize these reimbursements to enhance the equipment provided in various CTE programming; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said reimbursement, not to exceed the above amount (\$29,750.00). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:**

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
48130	Contributions	29,750.00
71300-730-007	Vocational Instruction Equip	29,750.00

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

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

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

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

**CONTINUED**

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward.

Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 04/16/26.

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Item 06  
Resolution No. 2026-04-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE JUUL SETTLEMENT REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE CATCH MY BREATH PROGRAM IN THE 2025-26 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the JUUL settlement and has chosen to utilize those funds to offset the cost of educating students on the effects of vaping and/or smoking through the Catch My Breath program; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are \$15,423.64;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said reimbursement, not to exceed the above amount (\$15,423.64). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
44180	Expenditure Credit	15,423.64
72210-189-724	Other Salaries & Wages	13,222.15
72210-201-724	Social Security	819.77
72210-204-724	State Retirement	1,190.00
72210-212-724	Employer Medicare	191.72

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

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

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

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

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

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**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward.

Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 04/16/26.

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Item 07  
Resolution No. 2026-04-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$30,000 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 up to \$30,000.00 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 Special Education 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 that the sum of \$30,000.00 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	+30,000.00
71200-189	Other Salaries & Wages	+27,870.00
71200-201	Social Security Tax	+1,725.00
71200-212	Employer Medicare	+405.00

*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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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

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

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

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward.  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones  
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent at Regular Session on 04/16/26.

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Item 08  
Resolution No. 2026-04-08

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET REGARDING THE SALE OF SURPLUS VOCATIONAL EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Purchasing Department recently conducted a sale of surplus Career and Technical Education (CTE) equipment that was originally purchased through federal vocational funding programs, resulting in total proceeds in the amount of \$2,385.00; and

**WHEREAS**, federal and state guidelines regarding the disposal of CTE equipment require that proceeds from the sale of such assets be reinvested into the vocational program to support continued instructional excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Board of Education requests that these funds be officially recognized and appropriated into the General Purpose School (GPS) Budget to be utilized specifically for the purchase of updated vocational instructional equipment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session, that the General Purpose School Fund Budget be amended as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
44530	Sale of Equipment	+2,385.00
71300-730	Vocational Instruction Equip	+2,385.00

***Waiver of the Rules Requested***

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

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

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

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 08  
Resolution No. 2026-04-08

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward.

Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

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Item 9  
Resolution No. 2026-04-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$73,662.44 TO THE NORTHEAST TENNESSEE TOURISM ASSOCIATION FROM SULLIVAN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.**

WHEREAS, by prior action the Sullivan County Commission established current policy to direct 50 percent of county occupancy tax revenue to the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association at the request of the cities of Bristol and Kingsport and to make such payments to NETTA on a quarterly basis; and

WHEREAS, the current policy states the county shall pay NETTA for each quarter no later than six weeks after the end of each quarter; and

WHEREAS, the third quarter of fiscal year 2025-2026 ended March 31 and the Sullivan County Finance Department has available the total revenue amount for the quarter; and

WHEREAS, 50 percent of total receipts for the first quarter (less fees withheld by the county clerk and county trustee) equals \$73,662.44.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, approves appropriation of \$73,662,44 and authorizes payment in that amount to NETTA to fulfill the Commission's commitment to directing 50 percent of Sullivan County occupancy tax revenue to NETTA on a quarterly basis in exchange for unspecified destination tourism marketing and promotion of Sullivan County Tennessee. Accounts and codes to be assigned by the Sullivan County Finance Department.

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

**WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED**

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

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

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

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover**  
**Cosponsors: Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner John Gardner**