

SULLIVAN COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners  
December 19, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

**COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Chairman John T. Gardner presiding.
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Proclamations
- ❖ Appointments: TBA
- ❖ Presentations:
  - 1) Clay Walker, NETWORKS Update.
- ❖ Approval of Commission Minutes of November 14, 2024, Rezoning Hearing/Work Session Meeting and November 21, 2024, Regular Session Meeting (Minutes are provided to commission members electronically and are available to the public at [www.sullivancountyclerktn.com/commission-minutes](http://www.sullivancountyclerktn.com/commission-minutes))
- ❖ Approval of Notaries Public
- ❖ Public Comment on Agenda Items
- ❖ Resolutions Requested for Consent
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment



**OLD BUSINESS**

Item 1 Resolution No. 2024-11-09

Sponsors: Ireson/Harvey

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE \$600 PER YEAR EDUCATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.**

Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-11-14

Sponsors: Jones/Calton

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY EXPRESSING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S INTEREST IN EXTENDING FOR 30 YEARS THE COUNTY'S EASEMENT FROM TVA OF TVA-OWNED LAND KNOWN AND OPERATED FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS AS OBSERVATION KNOB PARK.**

**DRAFT RESOLUTIONS**

~~Item 3 Resolution No. to be assigned: WITHDRAWN~~

~~Sponsors: Vanover/Ward~~

~~**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, ACCEPTANCE OF, AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY.**~~

Item 3 Resolution No. 2024-12-02

Sponsors: Ireson/Ward

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT WITH AXON TO PROVIDE BODY CAMERAS, DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLIMENTATION AND TRAINING.**

Item 4 Resolution No. 2024-12-03

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD ATLAS.**

Item 5 Resolution No. 2024-12-04

Sponsors: Cole/Ward

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 25 TRAINING EQUIPMENT GRANT.**

Item 6 Resolution No. 2024-12-05

Sponsors: Locke/Pierce

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF KINGSPORT TO ALLOW THE CITY TO LEASE AT ITS DISCRETION LARGELY UNUSED PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY AT 225 W CENTER ST (FORMERLY KINGSPORT'S CITY HALL) IN WHICH THE COUNTY HAS UNDIVIDED OWNERSHIP OF 16%.**



Item 7 Resolution No. 2024-12-06

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY (60) MONTH LEASE WITH CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE COPIERS.**

Item 8 Resolution No. 2024-12-07

Sponsors: Vanover/Ireson

**RESOLUTION to RECOGNIZE THE REMAINING APPROPRIATIONS RESULTING FROM A DONATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TURF FOR THE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL INFIELDS AT SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL IN A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET.**

Item 9 Resolution No. 2024-12-08

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.**

Item 10 Resolution No. 2024-12-09

Sponsors: Vanover/Ireson

**RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO THE STRUCTURAL REVIEW OF SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

Item 11 Resolution No. 2024-12-10

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING THE INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODEL GRANT PROJECTS AT SULLIVAN EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.**

Item 12 Resolution No. 2024-12-11

Sponsors: Vanover/Ireson

**RESOLUTION to APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING THE BOILER AT MILLER PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**



Item 13 Resolution No. 2024-12-12

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

**RESOLUTION to APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATIONS TO THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX.**

Item 14 Resolution No. 2024-12-13

Sponsors: Calton/Gardner

**RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY IN THE 17TH CIVIL DISTRICT.**

Item 15 Resolution No. 2024-12-14

Sponsors: Crosshite/Vanover

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PROVIDING SPECIALIZED TRAINING TO LOCAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIANS.**

Item 16 Resolution No. 2024-12-15

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT / TRAINING.**



*Sullivan County  
Board of County Commissioners  
244th Annual Session*

Old Business  
Item 1  
Resolution No. 2024-11-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2024.

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.**

WHEREAS, under T.C.A. § 5-5-113, counties are authorized and encouraged to pay a supplement of six hundred dollars (\$600) to county legislative body members who successfully complete in each year at least eight (8) hours of continuing education training at conferences or meetings provided or approved by the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS); and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County desires to provide for such an incentive payment to county legislative body members who successfully complete the annual training, subject to budget availability and appropriation of funds

.NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County legislative body, meeting in regular session at Sullivan, Tennessee:

SECTION 1. Any county legislative body member of Sullivan County who has completed at least eight (8) hours of continuing education training at conferences or meetings provided or approved by CTAS and whose completion of such training has been verified by CTAS shall be paid the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) out of county funds appropriated for that purpose.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

ADOPTED this 21st day of November 2024.

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

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

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

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

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Item 1



**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson  
Cosponsor: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey



*Sullivan County  
Board of County Commissioners  
244th Annual Session*

Old Business  
Item 2  
Resolution No. 2024-11-14

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY EXPRESSING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S INTEREST IN EXTENDING FOR 30 YEARS THE COUNTY'S EASEMENT FROM TVA OF TVA-OWNED LAND KNOWN AND OPERATED FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS AS OBSERVATION KNOB PARK.**

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County's 50-year contract with the federal government for an easement on land owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority on South Holston Lake and operated by the county as Observation Knob Park will expire in July 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Observation Knob Park's operating season begins months earlier than July 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, TVA representatives have expressed to park management that the federal agency desires to know as soon as possible if Sullivan County intends to extend its easement, in order to allow the agency to seek an alternative tenant(s) if the County does not intend to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, Observation Knob Park is in compliance with TVA's operations guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, TVA's annual inspection of the park will be in early 2025 prior to the opening date for the season and prior to the annual public lottery for seasonal campsites for the season; and

**WHEREAS**, park management and the County's Park Committee recommend acceptance of TVA's request to exclude the "421 Boat Ramp Area" – a free-to-the-public lake access area – from the existing and future county easement for the park, a change which will shift responsibility for repairs to a dock there from the county to TVA or TWRA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Sullivan County Commission authorizes the County Mayor to initiate extension of the county's contract with TVA/The United States of America for an easement of TVA-owned land on South Holston Lake known and operated as Observation Knob, with the exception of the "421 Boat Ramp Area."

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** the Sullivan County Commission approves immediate exclusion of the "421 Boat Ramp Area" from the existing easement from the July 1975-July 2025 contract.

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

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Item 2



ADOPTED this 21st day of November 2024.

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

**Item 2**  
**Resolution No. 2024-11-14**

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Sam Jones  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Archie Pierce; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Larry Crawford





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Item 3  
Resolution No. 2024-12-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2024.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, ACCEPTANCE OF, AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY.**

**WHEREAS** the proper management of solid waste is vital to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Sullivan County; and

**WHEREAS** Sullivan County recognizes the importance of modernizing waste management infrastructure to improve environmental sustainability, reduce landfill use, and increase the recovery and recycling of materials; and

**WHEREAS** the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers funding opportunities to assist local governments in improving waste management systems and promoting environmental stewardship; and

**WHEREAS** Sullivan County has identified the need for a materials recovery facility to enhance recycling efforts, reduce environmental impact, and generate economic benefits for the community; and

**WHEREAS** the Sullivan County Commission supports efforts to secure funding for this project, including through applications to the EPA and other federal or state funding sources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, that the County Mayor, or their designee, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit an application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for funding to support improvements to the county's waste management systems, including the construction of a materials recovery facility; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** upon approval of the application and receipt of grant funding, the County Mayor is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents required to accept and administer the funds in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** any awarded funds from the EPA for the designated purposes, including costs associated with the design, construction, and implementation of a materials recovery facility and other related improvements shall be appropriated forthwith, accounts and codes designated by the Finance Department; and the County Mayor shall ensure compliance with all reporting requirements and provide updates to the County Commission regarding the progress of the project and the use of funds.

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This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded as far as such conflict exists.

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

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 Richard S. Venable

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

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 Zane Vanover**  
**Cosponsors: Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Jessica Means; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Mark Ireson**



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Item 4  
Resolution No. 2024-12-03

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

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT WITH AXON TO PROVIDE BODY CAMERAS, DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLIMENTATION AND TRAINING.**

**WHEREAS** the Use of Law Enforcement Body Cameras started in 2005, were used by nearly one third (1/3) of local law enforcement agencies by 2013, and by 2016, that number had grown to nearly fifty (50) percent; and

**WHEREAS** the use of law enforcement body cameras has been proven to improve officer safety, increase evidence quality, reduce civilian complaints, reduce agency liability, and improve public trust; and

**WHEREAS** AXON cameras on officers’ vests and tasers will help to de-escalate critical situations quickly and safely, gain operational efficiency and save resources, and maintain transparency internally and externally; and

**WHEREAS** the use of law enforcement body and taser cameras will decrease litigation liability for Sullivan County and individual officers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office to enter into a five (5) years agreement with AXON for its Axon Core Plus program at a cost of \$736,241.62. Account codes to be added by the Finance Department, the payment structure as follows:

Year 1 = \$147,248.32  
Year 2 = \$147,248.32  
Year 3 = \$147,248.32  
Year 4 = \$147,248.32  
Year 5 = \$147,248.32

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.

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

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

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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 Richard S. Venable

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

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

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

**Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson**  
**Cosponsors: Commissioner Travis Ward, Commissioner Zane Vanover, Commissioner Gary Stidham**



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Item 5  
Resolution No. 2024-12-04

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 December 2024

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD ATLAS.**

**WHEREAS**, annually the Sullivan County Highway Department reviews and updates a listing of County Roads as required by Tennessee law; and

**WHEREAS**, these revisions are necessary to bring the official Sullivan County Road Atlas up-to-date; and

**WHEREAS**, a summary of the revisions are attached hereto to be effective January 1, 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners meeting in Regular Session that they hereby authorize the adoption of the Sullivan County Road Atlas as revised, effective January 1, 2025. The Sullivan County Road Atlas in its entirety is available in the Office of the Sullivan County Highway Department for review.

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

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

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:  
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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\_\_ following at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton**  
**Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite**





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Item 6  
Resolution No. 2024-12-05

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 December 2024.

**RESOLUTION to approve the acceptance of the FY 25 Training Equipment Grant.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has a need for updated/new equipment to aid in the training of correctional staff; and

WHEREAS, the FY 25 Training Equipment Grant amount is \$12,750 with no matching funds required to be used to procure, install, and utilize new training equipment that assists in the successful execution and facilitation of correctional staff training; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorize the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to execute the FY 2025 Training Equipment Grant application in the amount of \$12,750 and approve the funds to be used as required for law enforcement purposes by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. Revenue, Expenditure, Object, and Program codes for the FY 25 Training Equipment Grant will be assigned by Accounts and Budgets.**

*WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED*

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

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

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:  
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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\_\_ following at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsored By: Michael Cole**  
**Co-Sponsor(s): Travis Ward**



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Item 7  
Resolution No. 2024-12-06

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 December 2024.

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF KINGSPORT TO ALLOW THE CITY TO LEASE AT ITS DISCRETION LARGELY UNUSED PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY AT 225 W CENTER ST (FORMERLY KINGSPORT'S CITY HALL) IN WHICH THE COUNTY HAS UNDIVIDED OWNERSHIP OF 16%.**

**WHEREAS** the city and county jointly own a building at 225 W. Center St., in downtown Kingsport which is now largely vacant; and

WHEREAS the city has nonprofit organizations interested in leasing space within the building; and

WHEREAS the attached Interlocal Agreement, a tool outlined in state law, will allow the city to develop lease terms and select lessees it deems "suitable" and charge a "nominal" fee for rent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County meeting in regular session authorizes the County Mayor to sign the attached interlocal agreement between Sullivan County and the City of Kingsport.

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

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:  
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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\_\_ following at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method

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

Sponsor: Hunter Locke  
Cosponsors: Archie Pierce; John Gardner



## INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, to be effective as of the last date signed below, is made and entered into by and between **Sullivan County, Tennessee**, a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter referred to as “County”) and the **City of Kingsport, Tennessee**, a municipal corporation of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter referred to as “City”).

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1962 City executed a deed which conveyed a 16% undivided interest in the real property located at 225 West Center Street, Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee being more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL. NO. 1: BEGINNING at the intersection of the northwesterly sideline of Shelby Street with the southwesterly sideline of West Center Street; thence southwesterly with the northwesterly sideline of Shelby Street at right angles to the southwesterly sideline of West Center Street one hundred fifty (150) feet to a point; thence northwesterly at right angles to the Shelby Street right-of-way line and crossing Block 15, two hundred ninety-five (295) feet to a point in the southeasterly sideline of Clay Street, thence northeasterly at right angles and with the southeasterly sideline of Clay Street one hundred fifty (150) feet to its intersection with the southwesterly sideline of West Center Street; thence southeasterly at right angles to the right-of-way line of Clay Street and with the southwesterly sideline of West Center Street two hundred ninety-five (295) feet to the point of BEGINNING, and being part of Block 15, and containing one and two hundredths (1.02) acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, upon said property was constructed the City-County Administrative building (hereinafter “Building”) which housed administrative offices of the City, the offices of the county clerk and county trustee, and which currently houses the law and chancery courts for City as well as offices for the circuit court clerk and clerk and master; and

WHEREAS, County was given control of those spaces occupied by the Deputy Trustee’s Office and the Deputy County Court Clerk’s offices and City was given control of the remainder of the building; and

WHEREAS, administrative offices for the City and offices for the county clerk and trustee have relocated to alternate sites, leaving only the law and chancery courts and offices of the law court clerk and clerk and master; and

WHEREAS, currently the building is largely unoccupied and City desires to have the building serve a greater public purpose through use of the unoccupied space; and

WHEREAS, certain not for profit entities have expressed an interest in leasing space in the building which will serve the public interest through use of the building for purposes that will benefit the public; and

WHEREAS, in light of the projected use of the building City anticipates leasing the space for a nominal fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and benefits to be derived by each party here from, the County and City agree as follows:

### SECTION I



- A) This agreement is entered into pursuant to the Tennessee Interlocal Cooperation Act, Tennessee Code Annotated §12-9-101, et seq.
- B) The purpose of this agreement is to secure County's consent for City to lease the presently unoccupied space in the Building.
- C) Upon becoming effective, this agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the lease term of twelve months beginning on the execution of the lease and any subsequent renewals of the lease. This agreement shall terminate upon termination of the lease with the lessee(s)
- D) Pursuant to state law, including the Governmental Tort Liability Act, each party hereto will be responsible for its own acts. No provision of this Agreement shall act as or be deemed a waiver by any party of any immunity, its rights or privileges as a sovereign entity, or of any provision of the Tennessee Governmental Tort Liability Act, T.C.A. section 29- 20101- *et. seq.*
- E) Except as otherwise set forth herein, County and City shall be bound by all terms and conditions regarding maintenance, management, use, and control, as set forth in the Deed entered into on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1962, recorded at Deed Book 224A, Page No. 435

**SECTION II  
COUNTY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

- A) County hereby consents to lease of unoccupied space in the Building by City.
- B) County authorizes City to establish lease terms as deemed appropriate by the City, authorizes City to select lessees which City deems appropriate, and to enter into and administer lease agreements with lessee(s) on such terms and conditions as City deems appropriate to include authorization of sub-lease agreements that are contingent upon City approval.
- C) County acknowledges lessees will be not for profit corporations authorized to operate within the state of Tennessee and which are acknowledge as tax exempt pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 1, Subchapter F of the United States Code.
- D) County acknowledges space will be rented at a nominal rate and waives any right, claim, title, or interest in lease payments made to City.
- E) County agrees that should it require use of any space in the City-County Administrative Building it will provide written notice to City no less than 150 days prior to the date occupancy is required and will negotiate with City in good faith to determine County's need and mitigate impacts on lessees then occupying space within the building.

**SECTION III  
CITY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

- A) City shall establish lease terms as it deems appropriate and select lessees which it deems suitable.
- B) City shall require documentation of lessees not for profit and tax exempt status and demand other documentation as City deems necessary to ensure lessees operate for a public benefit.
- C) City shall administer all leases and ensure lessees comply with all applicable lease terms.
- D) City shall ensure leased spaces are kept clean and orderly, either through city staff or through requirements imposed upon lessees.
- E) City shall maintain the exterior areas of the property, common areas of the interior of the building, and maintain the mechanical systems of the building.

**SECTION IV  
TERMINATION AND/OR EXPIRATION**



This Agreement will terminate upon the expiration of the term of the lease or upon termination of the lease agreement, whichever occurs first

#### **SECTION V AMENDMENT**

No amendment to this Interlocal Agreement will be made except upon the written consent of the parties.

#### **SECTION VI ENFORCEABILITY**

In the event that any provision or portion of this Interlocal Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, then such provision or portion thereof will be reformed in accordance with the applicable laws. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision or portion of any of this Interlocal Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision or portion of this Interlocal Agreement.

#### **SECTION VII DISPUTE OR DISAGREEMENT**

Upon the occurrence of an alleged default, or a dispute or disagreement between the parties hereto arising out of or in connection with any term or provision of this Agreement or, the subject matter hereof, or the interpretation or enforcement hereof (the "Dispute"), the parties will engage in informal, good faith discussions and attempt to resolve the Dispute. In connection therewith, upon written notice of either party, each of the parties will appoint a designated officer whose task it will be to meet for the purpose of attempting to resolve such Dispute. The designated officers will meet as often as the parties deem to be reasonably necessary. Such officers will discuss the Dispute. If the parties are unable to resolve the Dispute in accordance with this paragraph, and in the event that either of the parties concludes in good faith that amicable resolution through continued negotiation with respect to the Dispute is not reasonably likely, then the parties may mutually agree to submit to nonbinding mediation. If the matter is not resolved by mediation either party will have the right, at its sole option, without further demand or notice, to take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to enforce its rights including, but not limited to, the suspension or termination of this agreement.

#### **SECTION VIII EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Agreement shall take effect upon execution by the authorized representative of each party after approval of the governing body of each party, and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated or expiration of the term.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their respective signatures by their authorized officers.



**Sullivan County, Tennessee.**

**City of Kingsport, Tennessee**

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**Richard Venable, Mayor**

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**Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor**

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**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Angela Marshall, Deputy City Recorder**

**Approved as to form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Rodney B. Rowlett, III, City Attorney**

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*Sullivan County  
Board of County Commissioners  
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Item 8  
Resolution No. 2024-12-07

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY (60) MONTH LEASE WITH CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE COPIERS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Department of Education has obtained three quotes from reputable vendors and Canon Solutions America, Inc provides the most economical choice; 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 sixty (60) month lease @ \$16.07 per month plus per copy costs with Canon Solutions America, Inc as recommended by the Sullivan County Board of Education.

***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 passed and approved this 19th day of December 2024.

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:  
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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\_\_ following at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover



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Item 9  
Resolution No. 2024-12-08

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

**RESOLUTION to RECOGNIZE THE REMAINING APPROPRIATIONS RESULTING FROM A DONATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TURF FOR THE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL INFIELDS AT SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL IN A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET.**

**WHEREAS** on February 15, 2024, the Sullivan County Commission approved at its regular session Resolution No. 2024-02-06 that placed the remaining funds from the one-time appropriation in a restricted account in the General Purpose School Budget; and

**WHEREAS** the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for this approved project was \$0; and

**WHEREAS** the restricted fund was not established; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation of funds resulting from the one-time appropriation to a restricted account within the General Purpose School Budget for the amount of funds remaining from the previously approved resolution totaling \$51,787.87. Said funds are to be distributed amongst the boys and girls programs.**

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***

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

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:

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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\_\_ following 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



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Item 10  
Resolution No. 2024-12-09

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS** on March 7, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$300,000.00 to cover the cost of an emergency alert system; and

**WHEREAS** the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for this approved project was \$142,891.40; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Purpose School Budget for the amount of funds remaining from the previously approved resolution totaling \$157,108.60 to be assigned to appropriate accounts by the Accounts and Budgets Office.**

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***

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

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:  
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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\_\_ following at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover



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Item 11  
Resolution No. 2024-12-10

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

**RESOLUTION to APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE/APPROPRIATION FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO THE STRUCTURAL REVIEW OF SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

**WHEREAS** on December 10, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to fund the structural review of Sullivan Middle School by Cain Rash West Architects; and,

**WHEREAS** the Board of Education approved a total expenditure from undesignated fund balance of up to \$14,800.00 for this project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation of funds from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Purpose School Budget in the amount of up to \$14,800.00 for the structural review of Sullivan Middle School.**

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***

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

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:  
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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\_\_ following 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



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Item 12  
Resolution No. 2024-12-11

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING THE INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODEL GRANT PROJECTS AT SULLIVAN EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.**

**WHEREAS** on March 18, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$550,000.00 to cover the additional costs associated with the building of a construction lab at West Ridge High School that were above the ISM Grant funds; and

**WHEREAS** the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for this approved project was \$483,850.00; and

**WHEREAS** on April 4, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$850,000.00 to cover the additional costs associated with the building of a 4-classroom addition at Sullivan East Middle School that were above the ISM Grant funds; and

**WHEREAS** the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for this approved project was \$60,000.00; and

**WHEREAS** it has been determined that there is \$61,079.50 of contingency funds within the West Ridge Construction Lab Project that will not be utilized; and

**WHEREAS** it has also been determined that the 4-classroom addition at East Middle School will require funding above the original approved amount; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Purpose School Budget for the amount of funds remaining from the previously approved resolutions totaling \$856,150.00 with \$5,070.50 to the West Ridge Construction Lab Project and \$851,079.50 to the East Middle 4-Classroom Addition to be assigned to appropriate accounts by the Accounts and Budgets Office.**





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***

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

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:

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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\_\_ following at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover



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Item 13  
Resolution No. 2024-12-12

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

**RESOLUTION to APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING THE BOILER AT MILLER PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

**WHEREAS** on June 11, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$300,000.00 to cover the cost of replacing the boiler at Miller Perry Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS** the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for this approved project was \$0; and

**WHEREAS** a more cost-effective solution was identified, and the boiler could be repaired instead of replaced; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Purpose School Budget for the amount of funds remaining from the previously approved resolution totaling \$99,575.00 to cover the cost of repairs to the boiler to be assigned to appropriate accounts by the Accounts and Budgets Office.**

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***

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

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:

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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\_\_\_ following 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



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Item 14  
Resolution No. 2024-12-13

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

**RESOLUTION to APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PORTIONS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATIONS TO THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX.**

**WHEREAS** on January 4, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$350,000 to design, purchase and install lighting for the Sullivan East High School baseball field; and,

**WHEREAS** on March 18, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$500,000 to design, purchase, and install lighting for the Sullivan East High School softball field and tennis courts, drainage work for the baseball field, and renovation for the football field press box; and

**WHEREAS** on April 4, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$250,000 to design, purchase, and install lighting for the Sullivan East High School Football field; and

**WHEREAS** on June 11, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$196,450 to cover the additional costs associated with the athletic lighting projects at Sullivan East High School; and

**WHEREAS** the total amount expended and/or encumbered during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for these approved projects was \$60,000; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the allocation from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance to the General Purpose School Budget for the amount of funds remaining from the previously approved resolutions totalling \$1,236,450 to be assigned to appropriate accounts by the Accounts and Budgets Office.**

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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***

Approved this 19th day of December 2024.

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:  
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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\_\_ following at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method  
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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover



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Item 15  
Resolution No. 2024-12-14

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

**RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY IN THE 17TH CIVIL DISTRICT.**

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

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the property is \$ 12,351.77 for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$250.00 has been received from Dennis Ley on the parcel of land located in the 17th Civil District identified as 935 Hill Street Tax Map 020D Group K Parcel 032.00; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507 a legal notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in Sullivan County advising the public of such bid and potential sale of land; and

WHEREAS, during the ten-day period after publication, the Office of the County Mayor received no raised bids on such property; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Delinquent Tax Committee has reviewed the delinquency period, location, condition, and value of the property and took into consideration the bid placed upon the property; and the Committee has recommended that the County accept the bid.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the sale of property located in the 17th Civil District identified as 935 Hill Street Map 020D Group K Parcel 032.00 to Dennis Ley for \$250.00 for the parcel in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507.**

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 19th day of December 2024.

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  
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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\_\_ following at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover



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Item 16  
Resolution No. 2024-12-15

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 December 2024.

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PROVIDING SPECIALIZED TRAINING TO LOCAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIANS.**

**WHEREAS**, said grant is funded with seventy-five (75%) or (\$18,000) being provided by TEMA and twenty-five (25%) or (\$4,500) being the local share which shall be funded through **in-kind** labor with no new money being requested.

**WHEREAS**, the cities of Bristol and Kingsport hazardous materials teams provide the necessary response to Sullivan County in the rural areas for any and all hazardous materials responses,

**WHEREAS**, the participants within the class are paid employees of the cities of Kingsport and Bristol Fire Departments and their salaries can be used to meet the in-kind requirement of the grant contract.

**WHEREAS**, Local Hazardous Materials response teams are primarily trained with local personnel but are also required to participate in additional training to receive the certification of Hazardous Materials Specialist and this class will provide the outside instructors to teach the required class.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 hereby approve accepting a grant up to the amount of \$18,000.00 available through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security to be used for providing specialized training to local hazardous materials technicians. 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.

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

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\_\_\_ following at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method

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Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite**

**Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover, Commissioner Hunter Locke**



*Sullivan County*  
*Board of County Commissioners*  
*244th Annual Session*

Item 17  
Resolution No. 2024-12-16

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 December, 2024.

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FROM TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT / TRAINING.**

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County has received grant funds in an amount up to \$73,269.00 available through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security for the purchase of equipment / training; and

**WHEREAS**, said grant is funded one hundred percent (100%) thereby requiring no matching funds by Sullivan County.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024 hereby approve accepting a grant up to the amount of \$73,269.00 available through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security to be used for the purchase of equipment / training. 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.

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

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:

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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\_\_ following at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method

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