

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
May 15, 2025
6:00 p.m.

COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR SESSION

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Chairman John Gardner presiding
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Proclamations & Recognitions
 - 1) Proclamation Recognizing Henry Price for outstanding community service upon his retirement from Sullivan County Constable, District 6.
 - 2) Recognition of Top Three Award Winners in the 2025 Earth Day Poster Contest sponsored jointly by Sullivan County Solid Waste and Sullivan County Schools:
 - **Overall Winner 5th Grade**
 - **Overall Winner 8th Grade:**
 - **Overall Winner High School Level:**
- ❖ Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2025, Rezoning Hearing/Work Session Meeting and April 17, 2025, Regular Session Meeting (Minutes are provided to commission members electronically and are available to the public at www.sullivancountyclerktn.com/commission-minutes)
- ❖ Approval of Notaries Public
- ❖ Public Comment on Agenda Items
- ❖ Public Comment on Items not on the agenda
- ❖ Consideration of Consent Agenda (Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12)
- ❖ Old Business/New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

CONSENT AGENDA
SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
May 15, 2025

Item 2 Resolution No. 2025-05-03 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Gardner/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO SELL FIVE DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 11TH CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS GRAVELY ROAD TAX MAP 030F GROUP B PARCEL 012.00; 913 GRAVELY ROAD TAX MAP 030F GROUP B PARCEL 011.00; 12TH CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS 1213 HARRISON AVE TAX MAP 029D GROUP A PARCEL 004.00; 14TH CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS ASCOT DRIVE TAX MAP 119N GROUP A PARCEL 022.00; 21ST CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS 3907 WEAVER PIKE TAX MAP 068 PARCEL 107.00

Item 3 Resolution No. 2025-05-04 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Calton/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY-OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED AT 114 PEMBERTON COURT, 2ND CIVIL DISTRICT, FOR \$6,800 TO BRITTANY AND HERBY TUNNELL.

Item 4 Resolution No. 2025-05-05 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TO SIGN THE ATTACHED CONTRACT, BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR INSTALLATION BY TDOT OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES AT STATE ROUTE 394 AND INTERSTATE 81 WITH FUTURE MAINTENANCE AND ELECTRICITY PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY.

Item 5 Resolution No. 2025-05-06 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Glover/Vanover

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A FORMALIZED POLICY FOR THE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION.

Item 6 Resolution 2025-05-07 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: King/Glover

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, ACCEPTANCE OF, AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE RURAL AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

Item 7 Resolution 2025-05-08 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Pierce/Vanover

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE TO ESTABLISH THE KEEP SULLIVAN COUNTY BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM BY AFFILIATION WITH KEEP TENNESSEE BEAUTIFUL.

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Item 8 Resolution 2025-05-09

 Sponsors: Pierce/Locke

RESOLUTION TO GRANT EASEMENT ACROSS SULLIVAN COUNTY PROPERTY ALONG STATE ROUTE 126 (MEMORIAL BOULEVARD) TO KINGSPORT POWER.

Item 9 Resolution 2025-05-10

 Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$240,000 FROM ACCOUNTS WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS TO AREAS OF APPROPRIATIONS WHERE FUNDS ARE NEEDED THE MOST. AND APPROPRIATE \$776,000 FROM FUND BALANCE FOR STATE AID PROJECTS TO BE REIMBURSED (REVENUE) BACK TO FUND BALANCE BEFORE THE END OF THE 2025 BUDGET YEAR FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.

Item 11 Resolution 2025-05-12

 Sponsors: Cole/Ward

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO \$60,000. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2025-05-02

Sponsors: King/Glover

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INCREASING PLANNING & CODES DEPARTMENT CONTRACTED SERVICES FOR ENGINEERING REVIEW ON DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

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Item 10 Resolution 2025-05-11 (**Sponsor Intends to Withdraw**)

Sponsors: Carr/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPERTY TAX FREEZE PROGRAM AS PROVIDED FOR IN 2007 PUBLIC CHAPTER 581 FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AGED 65 AND OLDER MAKING LESS THAN \$44,950 A YEAR.

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Item 13 Resolution 2025-05-14

 Sponsors: Akard/Slagle

A RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ENTER A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF BRISTOL TENNESSEE FOR PURCHASE AND SUBSEQUENT CO-OWNERSHIP OF 260 MIDWAY MEDICAL PARK, BRISTOL, TENNESSEE, TO EXPAND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT A NEW LOCATION TO BE AT THAT ADDRESS.

*Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session*

Item 1
Resolution No. 2025-05-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of May, 2025.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INCREASING PLANNING & CODES DEPARTMENT CONTRACTED SERVICES FOR ENGINEERING REVIEW ON DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Codes Department has annually contracted out the engineering services for plans review of development project submittals in order to comply with the federally mandated Stormwater Pollution Prevention Planning Program, which is part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Phase II Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4 Program); and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is a MS4 community and therefore all development plans that require grading over an acre of land or part of a larger development plan shall submit full engineered civil plans and stormwater management plans to the department prior to approval and permitting; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County contracts the engineering plans review to a local licensed civil engineering firm to ensure compliance with all federal, state and local regulations as the County does not have a PE/Civil Engineer on staff; and

WHEREAS, the Department has experienced considerable growth this past year, warranting additional engineering services such that the fees have exceeded the original budgeted appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the Department is requesting an additional \$12,000 for Contracted Services in order to pay the current invoices and the remaining two months of service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$12,000 for Engineering Contracted Services for FY 2024-2025 for Account 51720 300.

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

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Duly passed and approved this _____

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hershel Glover; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Tony Leonard; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Jessica Means; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Travis Ward.

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Item 2
Resolution No. 2025-05-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of April 2025.

RESOLUTION TO SELL FIVE COUNTY-OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES LOCATED IN IN THE 11TH CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS GRAVELY ROAD MAP 030F GROUP B PARCEL 012.00; 913 GRAVELY ROAD TAX MAP 030F GROUP B PARCEL 011.00; 12TH CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS 1213 HARRISON AVE TAX MAP 029D GROUP A PARCEL 004.00; 14TH CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS ASCOT DRIVE TAX MAP 119N GROUP A PARCEL 022.00; 21ST CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS 3907 WEAVER PIKE TAX MAP 068 PARCEL 107.00

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

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the properties is \$ 29,876.57 for the parcels; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$1,355.00 has been received from Josh Barrett on the parcels; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507 a legal notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in Sullivan County advising the public of such bid and potential sale of land; and 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 11TH CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS GRAVELY ROAD MAP 030F GROUP B PARCEL 012.00; 913 GRAVELY ROAD TAX MAP 030F GROUP B PARCEL 011.00; 12TH CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS 1213 HARRISON AVE TAX MAP 029D GROUP A PARCEL 004.00; 14TH CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS ASCOT DRIVE TAX MAP 119N GROUP A PARCEL 022.00; 21ST CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS 3907 WEAVER PIKE TAX MAP 068 PARCEL 107.00 TO JOSH BARRETT FOR \$1,355.00 FOR THE PARCELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH T.C.A. §67-5-2507.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A PROVISION OF THE SALE BE THAT THE BUYER AGREES TO BRING THE PROPERTY INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF RECEIVING THE DEED FOR THIS PROPERTY.

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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.

Duly adopted ____ day of ____ 2025.

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

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Item 3
Resolution No. 2025-05-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 8th day of May 2025.

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY-OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY LOCATED AT 114 PEMBERTON COURT, 2ND CIVIL DISTRICT, FOR \$6,800 TO BRITTANY AND HERBY TUNNELL.

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

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the property is \$ 11,607.59 for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$6,800.00 has been received from Brittany & Herby Tunnell on the parcel of land located in the 2nd Civil District identified as 114 Pemberton Court Tax Map 0210 Group K Parcel 031.00; 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 2ND CIVIL DISTRICT IDENTIFIED AS 116 PEMBERTON COURT MAP 0210 GROUP K PARCEL 031.00 TO BRITTANY AND HERBY TUNNELL FOR \$6,800.00 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.

Duly adopted _____ day of _____ 2025.

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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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Mayor, Sullivan County

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Mayor, Sullivan County

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

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Item 4
Resolution No. 2025-05-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 8th day of May 2025.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TO SIGN THE ATTACHED CONTRACT, BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR INSTALLATION BY TDOT OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES AT STATE ROUTE 394 AND INTERSTATE 81 WITH FUTURE MAINTENANCE AND ELECTRICITY PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS the TDOT project described in the contract as “TSMP: Signalization of SR-394 (Tennessee Ernie Ford Parkway), Interchange at I-81” is a needed improvement within Sullivan County’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the project will better serve the citizens of and visitors to Sullivan County and specifically the County Seat of Blountville; and

WHEREAS project is the result of a no-match grant applied for and received by the Sullivan County Highway Department and will include an upgrade which will eliminate a flaw that has repeatedly caused the traffic signal to default to a timing process rather than being triggered by detection of vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2025, THE MAYOR OF SULLIVAN COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACT NUMBER: 250020 BETWEEN TDOT AND SULLIVAN COUNTY FOR TSMP: SIGNALIZATION OF SR-394 (TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD PARKWAY), INTERCHANGE AT I-81 SULLIVAN COUNTY PIN: 135732.05 FEDERAL PROJECT NUMBER: N/A STATE PROJECT NUMBER: 82S394-S3-003.

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

Duly passed and approved this ____ day of ____ 2025.

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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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

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Item 5
Resolution No. 2025-05-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of May 2025.

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A FORMALIZED POLICY FOR THE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County recognizes the importance of pursuing grant opportunities to enhance services, support infrastructure, and promote community development; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to ensure that all grants pursued by county departments and officials are evaluated for fiscal responsibility, alignment with county priorities, and administrative feasibility; and

WHEREAS, a standardized and formalized grant review process will support strategic decision-making, safeguard county resources, and promote greater transparency and accountability in the grant approval process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session this 15th day of May 2025, adopts this policy:

SECTION 1. Policy Scope and Applicability

This policy shall apply to all county departments, elected officials, and agencies seeking grant funding on behalf of Sullivan County. It shall govern all grant opportunities that:

- Require county participation or oversight.
- Require matching funds or financial commitments from the county.
- Require administration, staffing, or ongoing reporting by county personnel.

SECTION 2. Structured Grant Review Process

All qualifying grant opportunities must undergo the following structured review process prior to submission to the County Commission:

A. Opportunity Identification:

Departments or officials identifying grant opportunities shall notify the County Grant Coordinator and provide relevant details for evaluation.

B. Opportunity Assessment:

The Grant Coordinator shall conduct an initial assessment of the opportunity, including:

- Alignment with county goals and strategic priorities.
- Fiscal implications, including matching funds or long-term obligations.
- Administrative and operational capacity to implement the grant.

C. Finance and Budget Committee Review:

The opportunity, along with the assessment summary, shall be submitted to the County Finance and Budget Committees for formal review and recommendation. Only grant applications receiving favorable recommendations from these committees shall proceed to the full County Commission for approval.

D. Return to Originating Department:

If a grant opportunity does not receive a favorable recommendation, it may be returned to the initiating department for revision, clarification, or withdrawal, as appropriate.

SECTION 3. Expedited Review for Emergencies

In the event a grant opportunity is subject to an emergency or expedited deadline, the Finance Committee may authorize an accelerated review process at its discretion. All such cases must be documented and justified accordingly.

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

Duly adopted ___ day of _____ 2025.

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

ATTEST: _____
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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover
Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

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Item 6
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, ACCEPTANCE OF, AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE RURAL AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge, located in Bluff City, Tennessee, is a historic pedestrian bridge that has served as a vital multimodal connection point for residents and visitors for decades; and

WHEREAS, the bridge has been closed due to safety concerns, requiring significant structural repair and modernization to restore safe access and preserve its historical significance; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), in coordination with the U.S. Department of Transportation, is offering funding through the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program to support local infrastructure projects in underserved and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County desires to apply for this funding to support the engineering, repair, and replacement of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge, thereby improving public safety, enhancing recreational access, and preserving a valuable historical asset; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, these funds will be used solely for the purpose of restoring the bridge, including engineering design, structural improvements, materials procurement, and other eligible project components; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Sullivan County Commission to authorize the application, acceptance, and appropriation of these funds into the county budget in accordance with applicable state and local regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this 15th day of May 2025:

SECTION 1.

The Sullivan County Highway Department and/or other designated officials are hereby authorized to apply for funding through the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program to support the repair and replacement of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

SECTION 2.

If awarded, Sullivan County is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate said grant funds into the appropriate county fund and ledger for use in completing the approved scope of work for the project.

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SECTION 3. The County Mayor and other appropriate officials are authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the application, accept awarded funds, and oversee proper expenditure and reporting of those funds.

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John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover

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Item 7
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WHEREAS the Recycling Program of Sullivan County Solid Waste is already performing many of the community activities associated with participation in Keep Tennessee Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful; and

WHEREAS said activities are rooted in a desire to raise public awareness while providing opportunities to clean up communities and public spaces; recognizing the key to a cleaner, greener, Sullivan County is education with a goal of promoting behavior change needed to end littering and improve recycling; and

WHEREAS over 70% of interstate litter in Tennessee is the result of unintentional littering, proving that many people in need of behavior change aren't even aware, and Keep Tennessee Beautiful and its affiliates work statewide to educate and raise awareness about litter and the importance of preventing it; and

WHEREAS litter costs the state of Tennessee over \$35 million annually, making it a significant fiscal burden on the state. Additionally, roadside litter can present serious safety hazards to motorists; and

WHEREAS affiliation with Keep Tennessee Beautiful will provide Sullivan County's effort with access to a variety of programs and initiatives targeting various groups of the public to educate them on the importance of litter prevention and inspire them to make positive change; and

WHEREAS benefits of affiliation with Keep Tennessee Beautiful include: credibility and name recognition at a national level; training opportunities; tools and resources; a local, state and national network of peer organizations; self-determination; community impact grants.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of April 2025, hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Solid Waste Department to make application to establish affiliation with Keep Tennessee Beautiful for a local program to be known as Keep Sullivan County Beautiful, and if accepted commit to the necessary requirements of affiliation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the necessary requirements are acknowledged as: Each affiliate must complete the following requirements each year between July 1 and June 30:

- Submit \$150 Annual Dues or document equivalent volunteer time 8 hours.

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- Participate in **Tennessee Great American Cleanup** and at least **ONE** approved activity every year such as
 - Nobody Trashes Tennessee promotion.
 - Arbor Day Celebration.
 - Make A Difference Day.
 - Environmental Education (including reading book Nancy and Sluggo Love Tennessee at a school or youth event).
 - Keep TN River Beautiful Waterway Cleanup Event (including International Coastal Cleanup).
 - America Recycles Day Event.
 - Recycling and/or Reuse Collection.
 - Can You Dig It including tree and/or flower planting.
 - Participate in Ready, Set, Grow 5-K Run.
 - Participate in Litter Law Enforcement Education Program.
- Attend a minimum of 4 hours of training during the KTnB Biennial Conference or Affiliate Retreat, at a KTnB regional workshop, a Webinar, other training provided through KTnB or its partners.
- Submit an Annual Survey and Report with general information about includes the number of volunteers and volunteer hours.

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.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2025.

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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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 Archie Pierce
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 8
Resolution No. 2025-05-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of May 2025.

RESOLUTION TO GRANT EASEMENT ACROSS SULLIVAN COUNTY PROPERTY ALONG STATE ROUTE 126 (MEMORIAL BOULEVARD) TO KINGSPORT POWER.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is widening and making improvements to State Route 126 (Memorial Boulevard); and

WHEREAS, Kingsport Power Company, a Virginia corporation, must move their facilities in conjunction with such project; and

WHEREAS, Kingsport Power Company needs an easement across Sullivan County property located on State Route 126 within which to locate and maintain their facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, ASSEMBLED IN REGULAR SESSION HEREBY APPROVES THE GRANTING TO KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY AN EASEMENT ACROSS SULLIVAN COUNTY PROPERTY AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AND DEFINED IN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY.

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

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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Archie Pierce
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS:

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Item 9
Resolution No. 2025-05-10

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15 day of May, 2025.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$240,000 FROM ACCOUNTS WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS TO AREAS OF APPROPRIATIONS WHERE FUNDS ARE NEEDED THE MOST. AND APPROPRIATE \$776,000 FROM FUND BALANCE FOR STATE AID PROJECTS TO BE REIMBURSED (REVENUE) BACK TO FUND BALANCE BEFORE THE END OF THE 2025 BUDGET YEAR FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.

WHEREAS the operations of the current fiscal year allow for the relocation of funds within the 2025 FY budget to cover this anticipated increase in cost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners meeting in Regular Session hereby amend the Highway Fund Appropriations and Revenue as follows:

FROM:

62000.400	Highway and Bridge Supplies and Materials	\$100,000
68000.700	Capitol	<u>\$140,000</u>
	Total:	\$240,000

TO:

63100.400	Operations and Maintenance	\$40,000
65000.500	Other Charges (Liability Insurance Increase)	<u>\$200,000</u>
	Total:	\$240,000

FROM:

Fund Balance		\$ 776,000
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TO:

91200-700	Capitol Projects	\$776,000
	(Island Road and Harr Town Paving State Aid)	

REVENUE FROM STATE OF TENNESSEE FOR THE ABOVE PROJECTS
\$776,000.

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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,

Duly adopted this ____ day of ____ 2025.

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS:

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TO BE WITHDRAWN
Item 10
Resolution No. 2025-05-11

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15 day of May 2025.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPERTY TAX FREEZE PROGRAM
AS PROVIDED FOR IN 2007 PUBLIC CHAPTER 581 FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AGED
65 AND OLDER MAKING LESS THAN \$44,950 A YEAR.**

WHEREAS, Chapter 581 of the Public Acts of 2007, codified in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 67-5-705, is a local option law which authorizes counties to adopt a property tax freeze program for property owners aged 65 and older making less than \$44,950 a year.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission has determined that it is in the best interests of Sullivan County that the county adopt the property tax freeze program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of May 2025 that:

SECTION 1. The property tax freeze program as provided for in Chapter 581 of the Public Acts of 2007, codified in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 67-5-705, is hereby adopted by the County Legislative Body of Sullivan County.

SECTION 2. The property tax freeze program shall be implemented and administered in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 67-5-705 and the rules promulgated by the State Board of Equalization through the Division of Property Assessments.

SECTION 3. The County Clerk shall file a copy of this resolution with the Division of Property Assessments within 45 days of its adoption.

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 _____ 2025.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

CONTINUED

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joe Carr
Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

Link to Frequently Asked Questions: [TaxFreezeFAQ.pdf](#)

ACTIONS: 05/08/25 (Work Session) Sponsor stated intent to withdraw at regular meeting on 5/15/25.

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2025-05-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15 day of May 2025.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO \$60,000. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional \$20,000 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff’s office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to \$60,000 for FY 24-25.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

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 _____ 2025.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

CONTINUED

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Michael Cole
Cosponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2025-05-13

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15 day of May 2025.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT 168,660.

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Commission has approved to amend the Opioid Abatement fund in April to fund the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office- Mental Health Coordinator; and

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office will budget these funds to aid the Corrections Facility- Mental Health Division; and

WHEREAS the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Opioid Abatement funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate \$168,660 of Opioid Abatement funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff’s office to fund the needs of the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Facility – Mental Health Division. A program or project code will be set up by the Sullivan County Accounts and Budgets department to allow for easier accounting of these funds.

Expenditure Account:	101 E 54210 100	\$72,000
	101 E 54210 200	\$28,800
	101 E 54210 300	\$57,600
	101 E 54210 400	\$10,260

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 _____ 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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Archie Pierce
Cosponsor: Commissioner Michael Cole

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2025-05-14

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15 day of May 2025.

A RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ENTER A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF BRISTOL TENNESSEE FOR PURCHASE AND SUBSEQUENT CO-OWNERSHIP OF 260 MIDWAY MEDICAL PARK, BRISTOL, TENNESSEE, TO EXPAND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT A NEW LOCATION TO BE AT THAT ADDRESS.

WHEREAS to best serve county residents who live in the greater Bristol Tennessee area, the Sullivan County Regional Health Department has an opportunity to provide public health services, now available only in Blountville and Kingsport locations of the department, to a location within the city of Bristol, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS this opportunity is available through a partnership with the city of Bristol, Tennessee, which has a limited-time option to purchase an 8,772 square foot, two-story medical clinic facility located at 260 Midway Medical Park, Bristol, Tennessee, for the sum of \$640,000; and

WHEREAS the city of Bristol, Tennessee, currently leases space in the building and plans to continue to use that space for its own purposes after purchasing the property; and

WHEREAS the estimated value of the space used by the city is \$189,000; and

WHEREAS the city is willing and able to fund the full purchase, if the county commits to repay the city for the remaining cost of the property, in equal payments over four fiscal years; and

WHEREAS a third-party inspector is scheduled to visit the property on Monday, May 12, and provide a report on major components (roof, HVAC, etc.) to the health department no later than close of business Tuesday, May 13; and

WHEREAS a called meeting of the Sullivan County Building Committee and the committee's recommendation in favor of this resolution is required for this resolution to come for a vote by the full Sullivan County Commission on May 15.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 15, 2025, AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF BRISTOL TENNESSEE WHICH WILL STIPULATE TERMS OF THE COUNTY'S PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF UP TO \$451,000 IN EQUAL ONE-FOURTH INSTALLMENTS OVER THE PERIOD OF FOUR FISCAL YEARS TOWARDS PURCHASE OF 260 MIDWAY MEDICAL PARK IN BRISTOL TENNESSEE.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THE PRECISE AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY THE COUNTY TO THE CITY SHALL EQUAL THE CITY’S TOTAL PAYMENT FOR THE PROPERTY, MINUS THE PORTION OF THE PURCHASE PRICE EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE OF THE BUILDING’S SQUARE FOOTAGE USED BY THE CITY FOR OPERATION OF A CLINIC FOR THE CITY’S EMPLOYEES.

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 _____ 2025.

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

**Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Matt Slagle; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Hershel Glover; Commissioner Andrew Cross; all voting in the affirmative.**