

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
December 18, 2025
6:00 p.m.

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Presentations and appointments.

1) Proclamation: Human Trafficking Awareness Month

- ❖ Approval of Meeting Minutes of: October 16, 2025, Rezoning Hearing and Regular Session Meeting; November 13, 2025, Rezoning Hearing and Work Session; and November 20, 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
- ❖ Approval of Consent Calendar
- ❖ Old Business/New Business
- ❖ Review and confirm updated committee assignments.
- ❖ Announcement
- ❖ Adjournment

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
CONSENT AGENDA
December 18, 2025

Item 5 Resolution 2025-12-02 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$78,530 IN FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) TO THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

Item 6 Resolution 2025-12-03 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE \$25,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE SECOND ROUND OF THE AMERICA 250 GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

Item 7 Resolution 2025-12-04 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Locke/King

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$35,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE "ESSENTIAL PURCHASES FOR LICENSED AMBULANCE SERVICES IN TENNESSEE" GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Item 9 Resolution 2025-12-06 (ON CONSENT) (TO BE WITHDRAWN)

Sponsors: Means/Crosswhite

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR \$500,000 IN FUNDING THROUGH THE TENNESSEE RURAL HEALTH UT GRANT TO EXPAND RURAL HEALTH ACCESS THROUGH THE BRISTOL FACILITY RENOVATION PROJECT

Item 10 Resolution 2025-12-07 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Jones/Ward

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD ATLAS.

Item 11 Resolution 2025-12-08 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE GOLD OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER CONTRACT

Item 12 Resolution 2025-12-09 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Cole/Ward

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY26 TRAINING EQUIPMENT GRANT.

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Item 13 Resolution 2025-12-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: King/Vanover

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUESTING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$46,093.45 TO THE CURRENT FISCAL
YEAR BUDGET FOR PURCHASE OF A VAN FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY
MAINTENANCE ORIGINALLY APPROPRIATED IN LAST FISCAL YEAR**

Item 15 Resolution 2025-12-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Pierce/Means

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$147,500 FROM THE OPIOID
SETTLEMENT FUND TO SULLIVAN COUNTY RESTORATION.**

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution 2025-11-05 (TO BE WITHDRAWN)

Sponsors: Jones/Vanover

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING REALLOCATION WITHIN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE BUDGET

Item 2 Resolution 2025-11-07

Sponsors: Means/McMurray

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING RESOLUTION AND/OR SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPOSE A FOUR (4) MONTH MORATORIUM, TO BEGIN UPON PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION, ON THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, PERMITTING, VESTING, ETC., OF DATA MINING CENTERS OR CRYPTO MINING CENTERS WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND TO DIRECT THE STAFF OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING AND CODES DEPARTMENT TO STUDY SUCH LAND USES AND PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS AND/OR CHANGES TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS

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Item 14 Resolution 2025-12-11

Sponsors: Jones/Calton

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

Item 15 Resolution 2025-12-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Pierce/Mean

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$147,500 FROM THE OPIOID
SETTLEMENT FUND TO SULLIVAN COUNTY RESTORATION.**

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 1
Resolution No. 2025-11-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING REALLOCATION WITHIN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that certain maintenance personnel positions are no longer necessary, allowing for the liquidation of these positions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education now seeks to use the funds associated with the liquidated positions to increase the third party contract for maintaining the grounds of each facility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Board of Education to recognize the following amendment within the General Purpose School Fund:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
72620-100	Personnel	-230,000.00
72620-200	Employee Benefits	-80,000.00
72620-300	Contracted Services	310,000.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ 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 Sam Jones

Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 11/13/25 (Work Session) To be placed on Waiver of Rules at the Regular Session on
11/20/25.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 2
Resolution No. 2025-11-07

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO PROHIBIT THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OR OPERATION OF DATA MINING CENTERS WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY UNTIL PROPER PLANNING CODES ARE IN PLACE

WHEREAS, data mining and cryptocurrency-mining facilities require extraordinary levels of electrical power, often equivalent to the consumption of thousands of homes, placing strain on local utilities and potentially increasing costs to residential ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, such facilities generate significant continuous noise from industrial-grade cooling systems, fans, and compressors, which can negatively impact property values, public health, and the peaceful enjoyment of nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, data-mining facilities provide limited job creation, minimal economic impact compared to the infrastructure burden they impose, and do not align with the long-term economic development goals of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, several Tennessee counties and multiple jurisdictions nationwide have restricted or prohibited data-mining operations due to concerns over electrical grid strain, noise nuisances, fire hazards, and the lack of community benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property values of its citizens and to ensure responsible land-use planning that preserves the character of local rural and residential communities; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has received increasing interest from private entities seeking to establish data-mining or crypto-mining operations, making it necessary and appropriate to adopt proactive protections before such facilities attempt to locate within the County.

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

SECTION 1.

Data-mining centers, including but not limited to cryptocurrency-mining operations, blockchain-computing centers, or any facility operating more than 2 megawatts of computing equipment, are hereby prohibited from locating, constructing, or operating in Sullivan County.

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SECTION 2.

No county permits, zoning approvals, building approvals, utility extensions, or development agreements shall be issued for the purpose of establishing a data-mining center within Sullivan County.

SECTION 3.

This prohibition shall not apply to standard commercial or industrial businesses that use data processing equipment for internal business operations; it applies only to high-intensity, third-party, revenue-generating data-mining or crypto-mining facilities.

SECTION 4.

If any portion of this Resolution is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections shall remain in full force and effect.

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joe McMurray; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Joe Carr; Commissioner Darlene Calton.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

SPONSOR REQUEST TO FURTHER AMEND

Item 2

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WHEREAS, data mining and cryptocurrency-mining facilities require extraordinary levels of electrical power, often equivalent to the consumption of thousands of homes, placing strain on local utilities ~~and potentially increasing costs to residential ratepayers;~~ and

WHEREAS, such facilities generate significant continuous noise from industrial-grade cooling systems, fans, and compressors, which can negatively impact property values, public health, and the peaceful enjoyment of nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, data-mining facilities provide limited job creation, minimal economic impact compared to the infrastructure burden they impose, and do not align with the long-term economic development goals of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, several Tennessee counties and multiple jurisdictions nationwide have restricted or prohibited data-mining operations due to concerns over electrical grid strain, noise nuisances, fire hazards, and the lack of community benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property values of its citizens and to ensure responsible land-use planning that preserves the character of local rural and residential communities; and

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WHEREAS, Sullivan County has received increasing interest from private entities seeking to establish data-mining or crypto-mining operations, making it necessary and appropriate to adopt proactive protections before such facilities attempt to locate within the County.

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SECTION 1.

Data-mining centers, including but not limited to cryptocurrency-mining operations, blockchain-computing centers, or any facility operating more than 2 megawatts of computing equipment, are hereby prohibited from locating, constructing, or operating in Sullivan County

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No county permits, zoning approvals, building approvals, utility extensions, or development agreements shall be issued for the purpose of establishing a data-mining center within Sullivan County.

SECTION 3.

This prohibition shall not apply to standard commercial or industrial businesses that use data processing equipment for internal business operations; it applies only to high-intensity, third-party, revenue-generating data-mining or crypto-mining facilities.

SECTION 4.

If any portion of this Resolution is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections shall remain in full force and effect.

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joe McMurray; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Joe Carr; Commissioner Darlene Calton.

ACTIONS: 11/20/25 (Regular Session) Amended by Sponsor to strike the entire heading of the resolution and replace with the text shown. Sponsor also amended to strike the sentence "*and potentially increasing costs to residential ratepayers.*" Placed on 1st Reading.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 2
Resolution No. 2025-11-07
AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING RESOLUTION AND SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPOSE A FOUR (4) MONTH MORATORIUM, TO BEGIN UPON PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION, ON THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, PERMITTING, VESTING, ETC., OF DATA MINING CENTERS AND CRYPTO MINING CENTERS WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND TO DIRECT THE STAFF OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING AND CODES DEPARTMENT AND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION TO STUDY SUCH LAND USES AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS AND/OR CHANGES TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, data mining and cryptocurrency-mining facilities and operations require extraordinary levels of electrical power, often equivalent to the consumption of thousands of homes, placing strain on local utilities and potentially increasing costs to residential ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, such facilities generate significant continuous noise from industrial-grade cooling systems, fans, and compressors, which can negatively impact property values, public health, and the peaceful enjoyment of nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, data-mining facilities provide limited job creation, minimal economic impact compared to the infrastructure burden they impose, and do not align with the long-term economic development goals of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, several Tennessee counties and multiple jurisdictions nationwide have restricted or prohibited data-mining operations due to concerns over electrical grid strain, noise nuisances, fire hazards, and the lack of community benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property values of its citizens and to ensure responsible land-use planning that preserves the character of local rural and residential communities; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has received increasing interest from private entities seeking to establish data-mining or crypto-mining operations, making it necessary and appropriate to adopt proactive protections before such facilities attempt to locate within the County.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

The Sullivan County Zoning Resolution and Sullivan County Planning Commission rules and regulations are hereby amended to impose a four (4) month moratorium, to begin upon passage of this Resolution, forbidding the location, construction, operation, permitting, vesting, etc., of data mining centers and crypto mining centers within Sullivan County; and

SECTION 2.

The staff of the Sullivan County Planning and Codes Department is hereby directed, and the Sullivan County Planning Commission is hereby requested to study such land uses and provide recommendations for zoning text amendments and/or changes to the Sullivan County Planning Commission rules and regulations and any other appropriate regulations; and

SECTION 3.

Data-mining centers and cryptocurrency-mining operations, blockchain-computing centers, etc., are hereby prohibited during such moratorium from filing preliminary development plans, final development plans, and/or applications for building permits, etc., that may entitle them to any vesting rights, and are prohibited from locating, constructing, or operating in Sullivan County during said moratorium; and

SECTION 4.

During such moratorium, no county permits, zoning approvals, building approvals, utility extensions, building permits, and/or development agreements, etc., shall be issued for the purpose of establishing a data-mining center or crypto mining center within Sullivan County; and

SECTION 5.

This prohibition shall not apply to standard commercial or industrial businesses that use data processing equipment for internal business operations; it applies only to high-intensity, third-party, revenue-generating data-mining or crypto-mining facilities; and

SECTION 6.

This moratorium may be extended by vote of this body beyond the initial four months; and

SECTION 6.

If any portion of this Resolution is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections shall remain in full force and effect.

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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Item 2
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AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR

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

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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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joe McMurray; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner David Adkard; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Joe Carr; Commissioner Darlene Calton.

SUBMITTED BY SPONSOR FOR INCLUSION IN DECEMBER 11, 2025 Work Session to reflect amendments.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 3
Resolution No. 2025-11-08

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

A RESOLUTION PRESERVING DEDICATED SPACE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS WITHIN THE BLOUNTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS

WHEREAS, Sullivan County acquired the former Blountville Elementary School Campus for renovation and reuse, creating an opportunity to repurpose the facility for public benefit; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and entrepreneurs represent a vital portion of Sullivan County's economy — with local data showing that nearly 10% of the Sullivan County workforce is engaged in entrepreneurial activity, and the region benefits from access to a labor pool of approximately 270,000 workers (NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership); and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, Sullivan County's median household income is \$56,802, per-capita income is \$34,466, and roughly 12.8% of residents live below the poverty line, demonstrating the importance of supporting small businesses that expand job opportunities and strengthen economic resilience; and

WHEREAS, providing affordable, flexible workspace helps emerging businesses overcome early barriers such as high overhead, lack of professional space, and limited access to shared resources; and

WHEREAS, transforming part of the Blountville Elementary School Campus into a Small Business and Entrepreneur Resource Center would promote job creation, encourage local business growth, support homegrown innovation, and align with Sullivan County's long-term economic objectives.

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

Sullivan County hereby designates and preserves no less than 100 square feet within the Blountville Elementary School Campus to serve as the small business and entrepreneur space, dedicated to supporting locally owned small businesses, start-ups, sole proprietors, makers, and entrepreneurs.

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Mayor, Sullivan County

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Mayor, Sullivan County

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means

**Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner
Travis Ward; Commissioner Hunter Locke; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner
Mark Ireson; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Joe
McMurray; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner
Dwight King; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Darlene
Calton; Commissioner Joe Carr.**

ACTIONS: 11/20/25 (Regular Session) 1st Reading

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
245th Annual Session

Item 4
Resolution No. 2025-11-09

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of November 2025.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER TO CONTINUE PROVISION OF JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES AND/OR TEMPORARY HOLDING RESOURCE SERVICES FOR ANY CHILD THE JUVENILE COURT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY HAS ORDERED PLACED INTO CUSTODY OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

WHEREAS, Sullivan County's agreement with Blount County for housing juveniles is due for renewal; and

WHEREAS, Blount County has provided an agreement which continues the same \$200 per child for each 24-hour period (or part thereof) cost to Sullivan County that Sullivan County already pays and has budgeted for in the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, juvenile detention is a necessary service for Sullivan County, its judicial system and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in Regular Session on November 20, 2025, authorizes Sullivan County Mayor Richard S. Venable to sign the interlocal agreement to continue provision of juvenile detention services as needed.

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Joyce Crosswhite; Michael Cole
ACTIONS: 11/20/25 (Regular Session) 1st Reading

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 5
Resolution No. 2025-12-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$78,530 IN FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) TO THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County was awarded funds through the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program for the purpose of enhancing energy efficiency within county-owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, a total of **\$78,530** was allocated during the previous fiscal year for the specific purpose of retrofitting the HVAC system at the **Sullivan County Finance Administrative Building**; and

WHEREAS, due to product unavailability and supply chain delays, the planned retrofit was not completed within the last fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds remain earmarked for their original purpose and must be reappropriated in the current fiscal year to ensure the completion of the energy efficiency retrofit as intended; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County **Maintenance Department is requesting approval to amend its Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget** to reflect the reappropriation of these funds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Sullivan County to complete this HVAC retrofit project in order to reduce energy consumption, improve indoor environmental quality, and fulfill the objectives outlined in the EECBG award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session authorizes amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 County Buildings Fund budget by \$78,530 to reappropriate the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to be used to purchase HVAC equipment. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department. The unexpended balance of **\$78,530** in EECBG funds originally budgeted in the prior fiscal year be **reappropriated to the current fiscal year budget** for the **completion of the HVAC system retrofit at the Finance Administrative Building**.

1. The Sullivan County **Maintenance Department is authorized to amend its Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget** to reflect this reappropriation accordingly.
2. The Sullivan County Mayor, Budget Office, and Finance Department are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to reflect this reappropriation in the official accounting records of the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and the U.S. Department of Energy as appropriate to ensure continued compliance with all grant terms and conditions.

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.

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

Sponsor: Dwight King
Cosponsor: Zane Vanover

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Item 6
Resolution No. 2025-12-03

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE \$25,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE SECOND ROUND OF THE AMERICA 250 GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial has announced the second round of America 250 Grant funding to support statewide and local efforts commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the America 250 Grant provides reimbursable, non-matching funding to assist communities in planning activities, events, and educational programs that honor the nation's heritage; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County seeks to apply for and secure \$25,000 in grant funding through this second-round opportunity to develop meaningful, community-focused celebrations recognizing America's 250th birthday in 2026; and

WHEREAS, proposed activities include theming the annual 4th of July Parade, creating a community-oriented Fall Festival designed to boost local business engagement, celebrate Sullivan County's role in the nation's founding, and provide family-friendly activities in the Historic Blountville area; and

WHEREAS, additional plans include hosting a history lecturer or educational program highlighting Sullivan County's contributions to early American history, thereby enhancing public understanding and civic pride; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives reflect the County's commitment to preserving and promoting its historical significance while encouraging community participation and economic vitality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION, meeting in regular session, that Sullivan County is hereby authorized to apply for, accept if awarded, and appropriate \$25,000 in funding from the Second Round of the America 250 Grant administered by the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute all necessary applications, agreements, and supporting documents for the administration of this grant and to fulfill all associated reporting and compliance obligations; and

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage; the public welfare requiring it.

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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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Darlene Calton; and Commissioner Michael Cole

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Item 7
Resolution No. 2025-12-04

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$35,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE “ESSENTIAL PURCHASES FOR LICENSED AMBULANCE SERVICES IN TENNESSEE” GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee Department of Health has issued the *Essential Purchases for Licensed Ambulance Services in Tennessee* Grant to support necessary equipment and operational needs for licensed EMS agencies; and

WHEREAS, this grant provides up to \$35,000 in *reimbursable, non-matching* funds; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Emergency Medical Services has identified an immediate and critical need to purchase mechanical CPR devices to enhance cardiac resuscitation efforts, improve patient outcomes, and increase responder safety during emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity allows Sullivan County EMS to acquire such lifesaving equipment without requiring local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Sullivan County to pursue all available grant funding opportunities that improve emergency medical response capabilities, reduce local financial burden, and support the health and safety of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION, meeting in regular session, that the Commission hereby authorizes Sullivan County to apply for, accept if awarded, and appropriate up to \$35,000 from the Essential Purchases for Licensed Ambulance Services in Tennessee Grant, for the purpose of purchasing mechanical CPR devices for Sullivan County EMS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute all necessary applications, agreements, documents, and certifications required to administer the grant and to fulfill all obligations related thereto.

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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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

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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
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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Hunter Locke
Cosponsors: Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner Hersel Glover.

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Item 8
Resolution No. 2025-12-05

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE \$35,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM GRANT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration has made available the Fiscal Year 2024 State and Local Cybersecurity Program Grant to assist local governments in improving cybersecurity posture, increasing network resilience, and upgrading critical technology infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is eligible to apply for \$35,000 in reimbursable funding through this program; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires a 30% local match, and Sullivan County acknowledges and commits to providing the required \$10,500 in matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds, combined with the local match, will be used to purchase a new host server for the Blountville Health Department and to upgrade operating systems necessary to strengthen security, reduce hardware vulnerabilities, and ensure continuity of public health operations; and

WHEREAS, these technology improvements are essential to safeguarding county data, modernizing infrastructure, and meeting state and federal cybersecurity compliance expectations; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County recognizes the importance of pursuing all available funding opportunities that enhance public services, protect critical information, and reduce the financial burden on local taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION, meeting in regular session, that Sullivan County is hereby authorized to apply for, accept if awarded, and appropriate \$35,000 in funding from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration through the Fiscal Year 2024 State and Local Cybersecurity Program Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Commission commits to providing the required 30% match in the amount of \$10,500, to be allocated for the purposes outlined herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute all necessary applications, agreements, documents, and certifications required to administer the grant and meet all reporting and compliance obligations; and

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Item 8
Resolution No. 2025-12-05

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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Mayor, Sullivan County

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Mayor, Sullivan County

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the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

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Item 9
Resolution No. 2025-12-06

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR \$500,000 IN FUNDING THROUGH THE TENNESSEE RURAL HEALTH UT GRANT TO EXPAND RURAL HEALTH ACCESS THROUGH THE BRISTOL FACILITY RENOVATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Rural Health UT Grant Program provides reimbursable, non-matching funding to strengthen rural health care delivery, expand access to essential services, and support public health initiatives in underserved Tennessee communities; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County, in partnership with the Sullivan County Regional Health Department (SCRHD), seeks to apply for \$500,000 in funding to support the renovation of a Bristol facility to expand rural health access and establish a fully operational public health site; and

WHEREAS, the project's goals include:

- Renovating and opening a fully functioning public health facility within 12 months;
- Providing core public health services to at least 1,500 Bristol-area residents within the first year;
- Increasing preventive screenings and immunization rates by 20% in targeted rural ZIP codes within two years;
- Strengthening coordination between SCRHD, in-patient and out-patient hospital facilities and local partnering organizations to bolster community preparedness and outreach; and

WHEREAS, this grant opportunity will advance Sullivan County's efforts to improve rural health outcomes and expand access to essential services, with no local match required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION, meeting in regular session, that Sullivan County is hereby authorized to apply for \$500,000 in funding through the Tennessee Rural Health UT Grant to support the Bristol Facility Renovation Project and the expansion of rural health access; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute all necessary applications and related documents required for submission of the grant application.

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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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

ACTION BY MAYOR

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Mayor, Sullivan County

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Mayor, Sullivan County

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2025-12-07

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 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, 2026. No new roads are being added to the atlas this year.

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 effective January 1, 2026. 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,

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Sam Jones
Cosponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2025-12-08

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE GOLD OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has entered into a grant contract with East Tennessee State University for the provision of an employer incentive program that allows employers to offer quality, paid internship experiences for ETSU students with the promise of being reimbursed for the wages provided to the student; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is intended to fully fund stipends to students who meet required qualifications and are student teaching within Sullivan County Schools up to \$2,250.00 per student; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Sullivan County Department of Education to officially recognize, accept, and utilize these funds in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the grant contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the amount of \$4,500.00. The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
48130	Contributions	4,500.00
71100-189	Other Salaries & Wages	4,500.00

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2025.

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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 & 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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2025-11-09

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY26 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 26 Training Equipment Grant amount is \$13,740.00 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 2026 Training Equipment Grant application in the amount of \$13,740.00 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 26 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.

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

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Michael Cole
Cosponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2025-12-10

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUESTING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$46,093.45 TO THE CURRENT FISCAL
YEAR BUDGET FOR PURCHASE OF A VAN FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY
MAINTENANCE ORIGINALLY APPROPRIATED IN LAST FISCAL YEAR**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County's FY 2024-2025 budget included an appropriation of \$46,093.45 for purchase of an outfitted van to be used by the Sullivan County Maintenance Department, an order for which was placed through a state contract agreement; and

WHEREAS, production delays by the manufacturer (GM) caused deliver of the vehicle to be postponed and pushed into the future throughout FY 2024-2025 and the purchase could not be completed by fiscal year's end; and

WHEREAS, due to product unavailability and supply chain delays, the planned retrofit was not completed within the last fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the county found this unacceptable to meet the needs of the county and subsequent to the beginning of the current fiscal year Sullivan County Purchasing was able to locate the same van through a separate bid and with a local company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session authorizes amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to recognized reappropriation of \$46,093.45 from Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for purchase of a van outfitted for use by the Sullivan County Maintenance Department. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department.

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.

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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2025-12-11

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

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

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the properties is \$ 8,679.02 for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$360.00 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

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 1) a bid of \$50.00 for the property known as Holiday Hills Road Tax Map 048P/A/004.00 in the 7th Civil District; 2) a bid of \$50.00 for the property known as Riddle Street Tax Map 030F/A/003.00 in the 11th Civil District; 4) a bid of \$180.00 for the property known as Cedar Tree Tax Map 097K/B/020.00 in the 16th Civil District; 5) a bid of \$80.00 for the property known as Gifford Drive Tax Map 053E/B/006.10; to Josh Barrett 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.

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 20th day of December 2025.

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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 Sam Jones
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2025-12-12

To the Honorable Richard Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of December 2025.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$147,500 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO SULLIVAN COUNTY RESTORATION.

Whereas, Sullivan County's Opioid Advisory Committee received and reviewed a funding request from Sullivan County Restoration seeking \$147,500 to fund a full-time case manager and direct participant support for justice-involved individuals in the Sullivan County Recovery Court; and

Whereas, the committee voted to recommend approval of Sullivan County Recovery Court's request by the full Sullivan County Commission.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, approves appropriation of \$147,500 from the county's Opioid Settlement Fund account to Sullivan County Restoration to fund a full-time case manager and direct participant support for justice-involved individuals in the Sullivan County Felony Recovery Court.

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.

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

Item 15
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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: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Archie Pierce
Cosponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means