

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
September 10, 2026
6:00 p.m.

COUNTY COMMISSION REZONING HEARING & WORK 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

Rezoning Hearing

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-09-01

Sponsors: Hayes/Hodges

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

Case 1) Sammy and Lilibeth Ford, 1038 Highway 394 Blountville, A-2 to PBD/SC, for the purpose of a single-family home. 4th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #1/Ford

Vote on Case #1/Ford

Case 2) Chester H. Trivette Jr., 4118 Weaver Pike, Bristol, R-1 to A-1, for the purpose of placing a single-wide on the property. 4th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #2/Trivette

Vote on Case #2/Trivette



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Board of Commissioners
246th Annual Session
Rezoning Hearing

Item 1
Resolution No. 2026-09-01

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 10th day of September 2026.

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

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

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

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

All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 10th day of September 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk, Sullivan County

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

County Clerk, Sullivan County

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Introduced by: Commissioner Josh Hayes
Seconded by: Commissioner Stanley Hodges
ACTIONS:



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WORK SESSION

- ❖ Sullivan County Mayor Zane Vanover
- ❖ Proclamations: Charlie Kirk
- ❖ Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- ❖ Public Hearing on agenda items.
- ❖ Review of Old Business/Drafts of Potential New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjourn



OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02

Sponsors: Carr/Gardner

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item 2 Resolution No. 2026-09-02

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE FY 2027 TN TUTORING GRANT FUNDS

Item 3 Resolution No. 2026-09-03

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE GRANT ROLLOVER FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES

Item 4 Resolution No. 2026-09-04

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR THE VOLUNTARY PRE K BUDGET IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND

Item 5 Resolution No. 2026-09-05

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR THE GEAR UP GRANT FROM EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY (ETSU) IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND

Item 6 Resolution No. 2026-09-06

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES

Item 7 Resolution No. 2026-09-07

Sponsors: Akard/Vance

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$2,500,000 FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RURAL HEALTHCARE ACCESS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (RAMP).



Item 8 Resolution No. 2026-09-08

Sponsors: Locke/Gardner

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE BJA FY26 COSSUP GRANT FOR THE CROSS-STATE OVERDOSE RESPONSE, REPORTING, INTELLIGENCE & DATA FOR OPERATIONAL READINESS (CORRIDOR) PROJECT.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-09-09

Sponsors: Ireson/Carr

RESOLUTION, TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TIME PERIOD JUNE 30, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028, TO TREAT ALL EMPLOYEES WITH BETWEEN 23 AND 25 YEARS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY WHO ARE FORCED TO RETIRE AT AGE 60 PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION # 2024-11-02 (PASSED NOVEMBER 21, 2024) THE SAME FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS AS IF THEY HAD 25 YEARS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-09-10

Sponsors: Locke/Gardner

RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CONSTABLES TO FOURTEEN (14) MEMBERS WITH TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS AND CONSTABLES FROM SEVEN (7) DISTRICTS



AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR FOR DISTRIBUTION 6/18/2026

***SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session***

Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, PETWORKS is providing care for animals that are seriously injured or seriously malnourished from Sullivan County cruelty cases. These animals require extensive veterinary care and long rehabilitation periods before they can put up for adoption or adopted.

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

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____ 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: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joe Carr
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 07/16/26; 07/16/26
(Regular Session) Deferred until August meeting by Sponsor; 08/13/26 (Work Session) Defer until
September meeting by Sponsor; 08/20/26 (Regular Session) Sponsor deferred until September meeting
and stated Comm. Joe Carr will be the sponsor of this resolution forthcoming as Comm. Stidham's term is
ending 08/31/26.



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Item 2
No. 2026-09-02

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET
FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE FY 2027 TN TUTORING
GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools has been awarded the Fiscal Year 2027 TN Tutoring Grant in the amount of \$78,060.00 from the Tennessee Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be utilized to support tutoring initiatives, including instructional salaries, training, social security/medicare benefits, and instructional supplies for the Regular Instruction and Support Services programs; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires no local matching funds from Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has requested that these funds be formally accepted and appropriated into the school system's operating budget to align with the state-approved ePlan budget overview.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session, that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the following revenue and expenditure appropriations:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590	Other State Education Funds	\$78,060.00
71100-189	Other Salaries & Wages	\$44,544.00



71100-201	Social Security	\$2,761.73
71100-212	Employer Medicare	\$646.55
71100-429	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	\$23,430.36
71100-499	Other Supplies & Mtls	\$2,177.36
72210-196	In-Service Training	\$4,000.00
72210-524	Staff Development	\$500.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____ 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: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Matthew Johnson

ACTIONS:



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Item 3
No. 2026-09-03

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 2026.

RESOLUTION to Recognize Grant Rollover Funds from the State of Tennessee for Pre-Employment Transition Services

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has entered into a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Human Services for the provision of Pre-Employment Transition Services to Students with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the grant is intended to fund staff positions for transition case managers, transition coaches, and workplace readiness specialists to provide the five (5) Pre-Employment Transition Service activities as detailed in the grant contract; and

WHEREAS, the original grant period runs through September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, funds were remaining in the grant at the close of the 2025-2026 fiscal year that remain eligible for spending until September 30, 2026;

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 rollover funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the amount of \$49,037.06. The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590	Other State Education Funds	\$49,037.06



71200-100	Salaries	\$36,963.34
71200-200	Employee Benefits	\$12,073.72

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____ 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: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Matthew Johnson
ACTIONS:



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Item 4
No. 2026-09-04

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR THE VOLUNTARY PRE K BUDGET IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools has been awarded the Voluntary Pre K Grant for the 2026-2027 school year ; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners previously recognized and approved an initial budget allocation within the General Purpose School Fund budget; and

WHEREAS, updated grant activities require a revision to the original budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session, that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the revision of the Pre K Grant funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46515-735	Early Childhood Education	+16,930.76
73400-116-735	Teachers	+16,931.00
73400-163-735	Educational Assistants	-0.24

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 _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____ 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: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Matthew Johnson

ACTIONS:



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Item 5
No. 2026-09-05

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR THE GEAR UP GRANT FROM EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY (ETSU) IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools has been awarded continuing participation in the GEAR UP Grant program through East Tennessee State University (ETSU) to support student readiness and success; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners previously recognized and approved an initial budget allocation for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (**GEAR UP**) grant during the July 2026 regular session and approved an amendment through a resolution during the August 2026 regular session; and

WHEREAS, updated grant activities require a further revision to the original budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session, that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the revision of the GEAR UP Grant funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-725	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	+15,000.00
71300-449-725	Textbooks	-5,000.00
71300-471-725	Software	-5,000.00
72130-524-725	Staff Development	-5,000.00



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 _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this _____ 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: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover 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

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite

Co-Sponsor(s): Matthew Johnson

ACTIONS:



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Item 6
No. 2026-9-06

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF
TENNESSEE FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has entered into a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Human Services for the provision of Pre-Employment Transition Services to Students with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the grant is intended to fund staff positions for transition case managers, transition coaches, and workplace readiness specialists to provide the five (5) Pre-Employment Transition Service activities as detailed in the grant contract; 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 \$210,080. The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590	Other State Education Funds	\$210,080.00
71200-100	Salaries	\$158,336.72
71200-200	Employee Benefits	\$51,743.328



Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____ 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: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Matthew Johnson
ACTIONS:



Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 7
Resolution No. 2026-09-07

To the Honorable Zane Vanover Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September 2026.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$2,500,000 FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RURAL HEALTHCARE ACCESS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (RAMP).

WHEREAS the Tennessee Department of Health, administers the Rural Healthcare Access Modernization Program (RAMP) utilizing TennCare Shared Savings to strengthen healthcare infrastructure, expand service capacity, and improve healthcare delivery in rural Tennessee communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Regional Health Department seeks to enhance public health infrastructure, upgrade facilities, and expand vital community health services to better serve residents throughout Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the application for this grant requires no matching funds based on this award amount; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant will not require additional staffing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

SECTION 1. The Sullivan County Regional Health Department is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Tennessee Department of Health for the Rural Healthcare Access Modernization Program (RAMP) Grant in an amount up to \$2,500,000 to support capital infrastructure, modernization, and equipment.

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



Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____ 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: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner David Akard

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner: Mark Vance, Kim Harvey, Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS:



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Item 8
Resolution No. 2026-09-08

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE THE BJA FY26 COSSUP GRANT FOR THE CROSS-STATE OVERDOSE RESPONSE, REPORTING, INTELLIGENCE & DATA FOR OPERATIONAL READINESS (CORRIDOR) PROJECT.

WHEREAS Sullivan County continues to face challenges regarding drug trends and overdose threats, particularly along the I-81 corridor, which is a well-known bi-directional drug trafficking route; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Regional Health Department has identified a critical need to enhance overdose surveillance and response capabilities through centralized data sharing and analytic reporting; and

WHEREAS, the CORRIDOR Project seeks to partner with the University of Baltimore and the CDC Foundation to develop a management portal and automated spike response alerts using the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP); and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Justice Assistance has made funding available through the FY26 Comprehensive Substance Use Site-Based Program with an anticipated award amount of \$1,300,000 over a 36-month project period; and

WHEREAS, the application for this grant requires no matching funds; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant will not require additional staffing;

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Regional Health Department will work with the Sullivan County Finance Department to appropriate the grant funds into the budget upon award;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

SECTION 1. Authorization for the Sullivan County Regional Health Department to submit an application for the BJA FY26 COSSUP grant and accept funds if awarded in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the CORRIDOR Project.



Item 8
Resolution No. 2026-09-08

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____ 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: _____

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner: Hunter Locke

Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner: John Garnder

ACTIONS



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Item 9
Resolution No. 2026-09-09

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September, 2026.

RESOLUTION, TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TIME PERIOD JUNE 30, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028, TO TREAT ALL EMPLOYEES WITH BETWEEN 23 AND 25 YEARS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY WHO ARE FORCED TO RETIRE AT AGE 60 PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION # 2024-11-02 (PASSED NOVEMBER 21, 2024) THE SAME FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS AS IF THEY HAD 25 YEARS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, as a retirement benefit for its employees, Sullivan County helps provides medical insurance coverage during retirement for employees who qualify based on age and years of full-time employment with Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution # 2024-11-02, passed November 21, 2024, by the County Commission of Sullivan County, Sullivan County established a mandatory retirement age of Sixty (60) for all its firefighters, police officers, and correctional officers, as well as for all its employees who have been transferred from such a position to a supervisory or administrative position within their respective agency, subject to the terms and conditions of *TCA* §8-36-205; and

WHEREAS, there is a perceived lack of timely notice to employees identified above who are forced to retire, thereby arguably putting such employees at some degree of disadvantage in making appropriate plans;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby declares that between June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2028, all Sullivan County employees, as identified above, with 23-25 years of full-time employment as of the date they are forced to retire because of Resolution # 2024-11-02, be provided with the same medical insurance coverage provided as a retirement benefit to employees who have a full 25 years of full-time employment. This Resolution shall be effective for the time period of June 30, 2026 through June 30, 2028 only, and shall expire without further action at the end of June 30, 2028.



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 _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this _____ 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:

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner:: Mark Ireson
Cosponsor: Commissioner: Joe Carr

ACTIONS:



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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-09-10

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 17th day of September 2026.

RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CONSTABLES TO FOURTEEN (14) MEMBERS WITH TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS AND CONSTABLES FROM SEVEN (7) DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission does hereby authorize and request that the Tennessee General Assembly approve a Private Act reducing the number of Commissioners and Constables to fourteen (14) with two (2) Commissioners and Constables elected from the existing seven (7) geographically established districts for the Sullivan County Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 5-1-111, the Sullivan County Commission established the boundaries for seven (7) board of education districts in December 2021 that were of substantially equal populations; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in the number of commissioners to fourteen (14) members shall be effective upon the regularly scheduled election in August 2026 and the reduction of the number of constables shall be effective upon the regularly scheduled election in August 2028.

WHEREAS, consistent with the provisions of *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 5-1-111, Sullivan County has prepared an official map setting forth the geographical boundaries for seven (7) Sullivan County Commission and Constable districts pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 5-1-110.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Legislative Body meeting in Regular Session at Blountville, Tennessee, on this ____ day of ____, 2026, hereby authorize that:



SECTION 1. There is hereby adopted a district map for Sullivan County which provides for fourteen (14) commissioners and constables, with two (2) commissioners and constables in each district. The districts for members of the county legislative body are depicted on the official map for Sullivan County prepared pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 5-1-110. A copy of the official map is attached as Exhibit A to this resolution and is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. All members of the county legislative body and constables shall be elected at large within the district wherein the candidate seeks election. The two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in each district, shall be elected.

SECTION 3. That these changes shall take effect for county commissioners with the regularly scheduled election in August 2030 and for constables with the regularly scheduled election in August 2028, the public welfare requiring it, provided that vacancies shall be filled in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 5-1-104.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____ 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:

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County



Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Zane Vanover 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: _____.

Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Hunter Locke
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS:



