Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Order of Business
October 8, 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. 2026-10-16
Sponsors: Hayes/Hodges
RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN: ZONING MAP OR THE ZONING RESOLUTION

Case 1) Deborah & Daniel Thompson, 664 Valley Drive, Blountville, Tax Map 064 Parcel 100.00, R-1 to A-5 for the purpose of agricultural/farming practices. 4th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #1/Thompson

Vote on Case #1/Thompson

Case 2) Michael Bare DBA Dayton Investments, 2075 Hwy 11W, Bristol, Tax Map 018 Parcel 90.00, A-1 & B-3 to A-5, for the purpose of farming and a residential home. 6th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #2/Dayton Investments

Vote on Case #2/Dayton Investments

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Case 3) Michael Bare DBA Dayton Investments, 2069 Hwy 11W, Bristol , Tax Map 018 Parcel 90.10 A-1 & B-3 to B-3 for the purpose of farming and a residential home site. 6th Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #3/Dayton Investments

Vote on Case #3/Dayton Investments

Case 4) Zoning Text Amendment to allow for Water Intake and Treatment Facilities to be located in all zoning districts with the implementation of Supplemental design guidelines.

Public Hearing on Case #4/ Zoning Text Amendment

Vote on Case #4/Zoning Text Amendment

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Item 1
Resolution No. 2026-10-16

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 8th day of October 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.

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

Attested: _____
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: _____.

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Zane Vanover, Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored by: Commissioner Josh Hayes
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Stanley Hodges

ACTIONS:

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WORK SESSION

- Sullivan County Mayor Zane Vanover, Monthly Report
- Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Review of Old Business/Drafts of Potential New Business
- Announcements
- Adjourn

RESOLUTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-09-09
Sponsors: Ireson/Carr
MOTION TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09-09 (RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS RESOLUTION)

Item 2 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.

Item 3 Resolution No. 2026-09-11
Sponsors: Carr/Derrick
A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE CITIZENS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY AND PROHIBIT THE WARRANTLESS USE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS

Item 4 Resolution No. 2026-09-12
Sponsors: Carr/Derrick
A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A TRIGGER LAW BANNING ALL AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY, TO TAKE EFFECT AS SOON AS GIVEN AUTHORITY BY EITHER THE STATE LEGISLATURE OR CONGRESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item 5 Resolution No. 2026-10-17
Sponsors: Locke/Vance
A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRE-HOSPITAL REGULATORY BOARD AND ADOPTING THE GOVERNING CHARTER, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITTING PROCESS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY

Item 6 Resolution No. 2026-10-18
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Johnson
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE 2026-2027 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT

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Item 7 Resolution No.2026-10-19
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Hayes
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED FOR PROJECT ON TRACK EXPENSES.

Item 8 Resolution No. 2026-10-20
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Cole
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AS THE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PARTS OF THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE REGULATING AND GOVERNING ENERGY EFFICIENT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ENVELOPES FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE, IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES, COLLECTION OF FEES, AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-10-21
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Cole
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AS THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PARTS OF THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, REPLACEMENT, REPAIR, LOCATION AND DEMOLITION OF DETACHED ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS AND MULTIPLE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS (TOWNHOUSES) NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT, WITH SEPARATE MEANS OF EGRESS, FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT OF THIS RESIDENTIAL CODE, IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES, COLLECTION OF FEES, AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-10-22
Sponsors: Ward/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SULLIVAN COUNTY TO APPLY FOR UP TO $950,000 THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FY 2026 VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A VETERAN'S TREATMENT COURT.

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Item 1
Resolution No. 2026-09-09(Amend)

Motion to amend Resolution No. 2026-09-09, adopted by the Sullivan County Commission on September 17, 2026, by deleting the following sentence from the resolution:

"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."

The purpose of this amendment is to remove language that remained in the resolution after the sponsor amended the measure to remove the time period for the effective date during consideration at the September 17, 2026, Regular Session. The remainder of Resolution No. 2026-09-09 shall remain unchanged.

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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 provide 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.

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

Duly adopted this 17th day of September 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 21st day of Sept, 2026 at or about the following time 9:30am by the following method: Hand delivered.

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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: _____.

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Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joe Carr, everyone voting in the affirmative.
ACTIONS: 09/10/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 09/17/26.
09/17/26 (Regular Session) Amended by Sponsor to remove the time period for the effective date.
Approved on Waiver of Rules 22 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent

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AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR FOR DISTRIBUTION 6/18/2026

Item 2
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

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Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joe Carr
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

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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. 09/10/26 (Work Session) To be considered at the Regular Session on 09/17/26.

Item 3
Resolution No. 2026-09-11

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.

A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE CITIZENS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY AND PROHIBIT THE WARRANTLESS USE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 7 of the Tennessee Constitution strictly mandates: "That the people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers and possessions, from unreasonable searches and seizures; and that general warrants, whereby an officer may be commanded to search suspected places, without evidence of the fact committed, or to seize any person or persons not named, whose offences are not particularly described and supported by evidence, are dangerous to liberty and ought not be granted"; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Supreme Court has routinely affirmed that Article I, Section 7 provides broader and more robust privacy protections to the citizens of Tennessee than those afforded by the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) § 55-10-302 defines an "automated license plate recognition system" as one or more fixed high-speed cameras combined with computer algorithms to convert images of license plates into computer-readable data; and

WHEREAS, Automated License Plate Readers such as Bristol's Motorola and Kingsport's Flock cameras continuously and indiscriminately scan, record, and store location data, as well as the make, model, and identifying features of all vehicles and travelers on Sullivan County roadways.

WHEREAS, this mass, suspicion less, indiscriminate collection of citizens' movements creates a digital dragnet, fundamentally indistinguishable in its nature and effect from the "general warrants" explicitly condemned as "dangerous to liberty" by the framers of the Tennessee Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the continuous, unblinking surveillance of these cameras subjects citizens to searches of their locations and patterns of life without prior "evidence of the fact committed," and targets individuals "whose offences are not particularly described and supported by evidence"; and

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WHEREAS, Sullivan County citizens have unalienable rights given to them by their Creator to go about their lives without being subjected to warrantless mass surveillance while driving through the most populous areas of our county; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission has a solemn and sworn duty to uphold the Tennessee Constitution and to defend the inherent liberties, privacy rights, and constitutional protections of all citizens residing or traveling within its jurisdictional boundaries.

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1 of the Tennessee Constitution declares that all power is inherent in the people, and that for the advancement of their peace, safety, and happiness, they possess an unalienable and indefeasible right to alter or reform their government in such manner as they may think proper; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities deploy warrantless mass surveillance that treads on the constitutional rights of the people protected under Article I, Section 7, this Board has a duty to act as the legislative voice of the people to reform such overreach; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County,
Tennessee, meeting in regular session, that the use of ALPRs for the suspicionless, mass collection of vehicle and location data is hereby declared equivalent to a general warrant, and is therefore a violation of Article I, Section 7 of the Tennessee Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Article I, Section 7 of the Tennessee Constitution, no law enforcement agency, municipality, or government entity operating within Sullivan County shall fund, deploy, maintain, or access data from any ALPR system to monitor public roadways without a particularized search warrant signed by a neutral magistrate based upon probable cause of a specific crime.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sullivan County, including all of its departments, agencies, and personnel, shall not fund, participate in, or access warrantless municipal ALPR data.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to vigorously defend this resolution, and the constitutional rights of the citizens of Sullivan County, against any municipal, corporate, or legal challenge that seeks to maintain warrantless dragnet surveillance within the borders of this County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any portion of this resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other portion of this resolution.

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 _____, 2026, 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

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____ 2026, at or about the following time _____ by the following method:
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Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner: Joe Carr
Co-Sponsors: Commissioner: Lakie Derrick

ACTIONS: 09/17/2026 (Regular Session) 1st Reading

Item 4
Resolution No. 2026-09-12

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.

A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A TRIGGER LAW BANNING ALL AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY, TO TAKE EFFECT AS SOON AS GIVEN AUTHORITY BY EITHER THE STATE LEGISLATURE OR CONGRESS

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) § 55-10-302 defines an "automated license plate recognition system" as one or more fixed high-speed cameras combined with computer algorithms to convert images of license plates into computer-readable data; and

WHEREAS, the indiscriminate and continuous collection of location and vehicular data by automated license plate recognition systems poses significant risks to the privacy, security, and unalienable rights of the people of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the deployment of this technology creates an infrastructure capable of warrantless surveillance and the mass tracking of individuals going about their lawful daily activities without probable cause or reasonable suspicion; and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 7 of the Tennessee Constitution guarantees “that the people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and possessions, from unreasonable searches and seizures,” and that searches “without evidence of the fact committed,” or targeting “persons not named, whose offenses are not particularly described and supported by evidence, are dangerous to liberty;” and

WHEREAS, with the proliferation of ALPR cameras, their reliance on artificial intelligence, and the ever-increasing capabilities of AI, it is the duty of this Commission to protect our citizens from the implications of these technologies and mitigate potential future risks; and

WHEREAS, the recent United States Supreme Court cases of Carpenter v. United States and Chatrie v. United States, as well as potential state and federal legislation, leave the future of this technology in doubt; and

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WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners believes that the fundamental right to privacy and freedom from pervasive surveillance are essential liberties that local government has a duty to fiercely protect; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners seeks to proactively establish local policy to protect its residents, ensuring that a complete and total ban on such surveillance technology takes place at the earliest permitted time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, that:

SECTION 1. ENACTMENT OF TRIGGER BAN. This Board of Commissioners hereby implements a
Trigger Law banning the use of all Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) by all entities, public or private, as well as the usage of data obtained from such technology within Sullivan County. This prohibition is set to take effect the moment this Board of Commissioners is legally given the authority to do so by either the State Legislature or Congress.

SECTION 2. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS AND DATA DESTRUCTION. Upon the legal
activation of this resolution as outlined in Section 1, any public or private entity operating an Automated License Plate Recognition system within Sullivan County shall cease all data collection operations immediately. All such physical devices shall be removed from public rights-of-way and public property within thirty (30) days of the triggering date, and all previously captured plate data not part of an active criminal investigation shall be immediately destroyed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it, with the specific enforcement of the ALPR prohibition delayed only until the conditions of Section 1 are met.

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 _____, 2026, 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

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____ 2026, at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

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Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner: Joe Carr
Co-Sponsors: Commissioner: Lakie Derrick

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ACTIONS: 09/17/2026 (Regular Session) 1st Reading

Item 5
Resolution No. 2026-10-17

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRE-HOSPITAL REGULATORY BOARD AND ADOPTING THE GOVERNING CHARTER, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITTING PROCESS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN SULLIVAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102(a) designates ambulance service as an essential public service; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102(b) directs counties and municipalities to make provisions ensuring that at least one licensed ambulance service is available to serve their respective populations; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102(e) authorizes counties and municipalities to adopt and enforce reasonable regulations to control the provision of private and nonprofit ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102(f) authorizes counties and municipalities to act jointly and cooperatively in providing for ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County, the City of Kingsport, and the City of Bluff City desire to work cooperatively to promote the delivery of high-quality pre-hospital emergency medical services, coordinate ambulance service operations, establish uniform service standards, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board will provide oversight, coordination, permitting, and regulatory functions for ambulance services operating within the jurisdictions of Sullivan County, the City of Kingsport, and the City of Bluff City, consistent with applicable Tennessee law and regulations; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Charter, Regulations, and Permitting Process entitled "Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board, Sullivan County, City of Kingsport, and City of Bluff City, Tennessee" has been presented to the Sullivan County Commission for consideration and approval.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION THAT:

SECTION 1.

The Sullivan County Commission hereby approves and adopts the Governing Charter, Regulations, and Permitting Process for the Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2.

The Sullivan County Commission hereby authorizes Sullivan County to participate in the joint Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board with the City of Kingsport and the City of Bluff City in accordance with the provisions contained in the adopted Charter.

SECTION 3.

The Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board shall serve as the regulatory and permitting body for ambulance service providers operating within the jurisdictions covered by the Charter and shall exercise the powers and duties set forth therein, subject to applicable Tennessee law.

SECTION 4.

The Sullivan County Mayor is authorized to make appointments to the Board as provided in the Charter and to execute any documents necessary to implement this Resolution.

SECTION 5.

The Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency Director, or designee, shall perform the administrative responsibilities assigned under the Charter and Regulations.

SECTION 6.

The County Attorney is authorized to make such non-substantive revisions as may be necessary to ensure compliance with applicable law and to facilitate implementation of the Charter and Regulations.

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SECTION 7.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption, the ratification of the Charter by the governing bodies of the City of Kingsport and the City of Bluff City, and the execution of any necessary intergovernmental agreements, the public welfare requiring it.

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 _____, 2026, 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

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of _____ 2026, at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

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Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Commissioner: Hunter Locke
Co-Sponsors: Commissioner: Mark Vance
ACTION:

PRE-HOSPITAL REGULATORY BOARD

Sullivan County, City of Kingsport, and City of Bluff City, Tennessee
Governing Charter, Regulations, and Permitting Process

ARTICLE I. NAME, AUTHORITY, AND JURISDICTION

1. Name. There is hereby established the "Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board" (hereinafter the "Board"), jointly created by Sullivan County, Tennessee; the City of Kingsport, Tennessee; and the City of Bluff City, Tennessee.

2. Statutory Authority. The Board is established under the authority of Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-61-102(e), which authorizes the governing body of any county or city to adopt and enforce reasonable regulations to control the provision of private or nonprofit ambulance service. Ambulance service is designated an essential service in the State of Tennessee under T.C.A. § 7-61-102(a), and Sullivan County, the City of Kingsport, and the City of Bluff City are directed under T.C.A. § 7-61-102(b) to make provisions ensuring that at least one licensed ambulance service is available to their respective populations. This joint arrangement is entered into consistent with T.C.A. § 7-61-102(f), authorizing counties and municipalities to act jointly or cooperatively to provide for ambulance service.

3. Jurisdiction. The Board's jurisdiction extends jointly to Sullivan County, Tennessee; the City of Kingsport, Tennessee; and the City of Bluff City, Tennessee (together, the "Member Jurisdictions"), each acting by its own independent authority. The City of Bristol, Tennessee is outside the Board's jurisdiction; ambulance service within the corporate limits of Bristol is not regulated, permitted, or otherwise addressed by this document.

4. Relationship to State Law. Nothing in this document shall be construed to limit, alter, or substitute for the licensing authority of the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services, or the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board, under the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1983, T.C.A. § 68-140-301 et seq. A Permit issued under this document authorizes a Service Provider to operate within the Member Jurisdictions; it does not substitute for, and is in addition to, the State ambulance service license required of every ambulance service operating in Tennessee.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The Board is established for the following purposes:

1) Establish and enforce regulations regarding ambulance service care within the Member Jurisdictions.

2) Coordinate pre-hospital care within the Board's jurisdiction.
3) Ensure protocols for ambulance service within the Board's jurisdiction, consistent with applicable state rules.
4) Maintain a standard of care for ambulance service consistent with State of Tennessee EMS rules and the essential-service mandate of T.C.A. § 7-61-102.
5) Promote quality patient care by all ambulance services operating within the Board's jurisdiction.
6) Encourage cooperation and coordination among medical dispatch centers serving the Member Jurisdictions.
7) Submit necessary reports to the Sullivan County Commission, the Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and the Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen.
8) Grant, deny, or revoke permission, as the Board sees fit and consistent with this document, to applicants seeking to provide ambulance service within the Member Jurisdictions.

ARTICLE III. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Board shall consist of eight (8) voting positions and one (1) non-voting, ex officio position, appointed by the governing body indicated, for the terms indicated.

Seat / Position	**Appointed By**	**Name**	**Initial Term***
County Commissioner	Sullivan County Mayor		4 years (Group A)
County Commissioner	Sullivan County Mayor		4 years (Group A)
Citizen at Large	Sullivan County Mayor		4 years (Group A)
City of Bluff City Representative	Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen		4 years (Group A)

City of Kingsport Representative	Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen		2 years (Group B)
City of Kingsport Representative	Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen		2 years (Group B)
Citizen at Large	Sullivan County Mayor		2 years (Group B)
Physician Member (Emergency Medicine)	Sullivan County Mayor		2 years (Group B)
Sullivan County EMA Director (or designee) — ex officio, non-voting	Sullivan County Mayor		N/A — non-voting

*Terms. Following the initial terms shown above, all voting positions shall be appointed for four-year terms. To avoid replacing the Board's entire voting membership at the same time, initial appointments are split into two groups whose terms are offset by two years: Group A seats carry an initial four-year term, and Group B seats carry a shorter initial term of two years, after which Group B seats likewise convert to the standard four-year term — so that, going forward, exactly half of the Board's voting seats come up for reappointment two years apart from the other half.

Individuals appointed to fill these positions shall be qualified representatives of the organization or category indicated. Should a member resign, be removed, or otherwise cease to represent their organization or category, that position shall be filled by another qualified person, appointed by the same governing body, to complete the unexpired term. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing governing body shown above.

Qualifications of the Physician Member. The Physician Member shall be a physician licensed, or formerly licensed and retired in good standing, to practice medicine in the State of Tennessee, who currently is, or in the past was, board-certified or board-eligible in emergency medicine (or who otherwise possesses substantially equivalent training and experience in emergency medical care), and who currently practices, or has previously practiced, medicine within, or provided medical services to, the Member Jurisdictions. The Physician Member provides clinical and medical-practice input to the Board's deliberations and votes as a full voting member on all matters

before the Board; this position is distinct from, and does not substitute for, the Medical Director required of each Service Provider under Section 5, below.

Officers and Minutes. Election of officers shall be held at the first regular meeting following January of each year. The Chairman of the Board shall be appointed from the membership by the Sullivan County Mayor, for a two-year term, and shall chair all meeting in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. The Vice-Chairman shall be elected from the membership by a majority of the voting members present and shall chair meetings in the Chairman's absence. The EMA Director is responsible for the preparation and safekeeping of the Board's minutes. The minutes of a Board meeting may be approved during an official meeting or by email approval of the majority members present during the meeting for which the minutes were drafted.

Role of the EMA Director (Ex Officio Member). The Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, or designee, shall serve on the Board in a non-voting, ex officio capacity, contributing operational and emergency-management expertise to the Board's work without a vote on Board decisions. In that capacity, the EMA Director or designee shall: (a) serve as, or appoint, the "Coordinator" referenced throughout this document, responsible for administering the Permit application and renewal process, maintaining Service Provider records, and distributing copies of these Regulations as required by Section 2, below; (b) have authority to waive the Permit requirement of Section 2.A on an emergency basis upon determining that a public health emergency exists, until that emergency is abated, as provided in Section 2.B; (c) receive and help coordinate complaints alleging violation of these Regulations, as provided in Section 7.B; and (d) coordinate the response of Service Providers operating within the Board's jurisdiction during a disaster or declared emergency, as provided in Section 3.D. This ex officio, non-voting role reflects the EMA Director's operational and coordinating function, distinct from the policy-setting and permitting authority that remains with the Board's eight voting members.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

The Board shall meet as needed, or by special called meeting when requested by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or three (3) voting members of the Board. A quorum for conducting business shall be not less than fifty percent (50%) of the Board's voting membership (four (4) of eight (8) voting members, based on the membership described in Article III). The EMA Director or designee, as a non-voting member, does not count toward quorum.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this document affecting Part One (Organization) shall be submitted by the Chairman and must be approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the Board's voting membership (six (6) of eight (8) voting members).

ARTICLE VI. POWERS

Under the provisions of T.C.A. § 7-61-102(e), the Board may adopt and enforce regulations for the protection of the public welfare, as set forth in Part Two of this document. The Board shall report failure to meet the standard of care, or any violation of these regulations, to the administrative office and/or governing body of the offending party. The Board may also make recommendations to the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board and/or the Division of Emergency Medical Services for appropriate action regarding licenses or certifications of persons or organizations that may be in violation of applicable state law.

PART TWO — REGULATIONS OF PRE-HOSPITAL CARE

Regulations contained herein are in no way intended to discriminate against any private or non-profit ambulance service. These Regulations are established to ensure the highest level of pre-hospital care and welfare to all sick or injured persons within the Member Jurisdictions. Any ambulance service that fails to comply with these standards will not be permitted to operate within the Board's jurisdiction. These Regulations are subject to change at any time by the Board, consistent with Article V above.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

A. **Advanced Life Support (ALS) -** Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, or other EMS personnel having a higher level of licensure, who treat life-threatening or aggravating medical emergencies under medical control, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.14.

B. **Basic Life Support (BLS) -** EMS personnel, authorized through the appropriate level of licensure, who treat life-threatening medical emergencies under medical control, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.14.

C. **Ambulance -** Any privately or publicly owned motor vehicle used for the transportation of injured or infirm persons on an emergency or non-emergency basis, consistent with T.C.A. § 7-61-101.

D. **Board -** The Pre-Hospital Regulatory Board established by Part One of this document.

E. **Coordinator -** The Director of the Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), or designee approved by the Board. See Article III, above.

F. **Department -** The Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services.

G. **Dispatch Center -** Any dispatch entity that receives or dispatches ambulance calls within the Board's jurisdiction.

H. **Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) -** A person who has successfully completed the Emergency Medical Responder training course and has qualified by examination to perform lifesaving interventions while awaiting additional EMS response, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.04.

I. **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) -** A person who has successfully completed the Emergency Medical Technician training course and has qualified by examination to provide basic emergency medical care under medical direction, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.04.

J. **Advanced EMT (AEMT) -** A person who has successfully completed the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician training course and has qualified by examination to provide basic and limited advanced emergency medical care under medical direction, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.04.

K. **Paramedic -** A person who has successfully completed an accredited Paramedic Program at the certificate or associate degree level and has qualified by examination to provide basic and advanced emergency medical care under medical direction, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.04.

L. **Medical Direction -** Supervision by a physician licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee of the medical aspects of patient care within emergency medical services, consistent with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.04.

M. **Medical Director -** A physician licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee, contracted by a Service Provider to provide medical supervision and to assure the provision of quality emergency medical care by that Service Provider's agents.

N. **Emergency Transport -** Transport using warning lights and/or sirens of a patient with a medical condition requiring immediate medical attention.

O. **Convalescent Transport -** Transport of any patient not requiring Emergency Transport.

P. **Patient -** Any person suffering from any illness or injury.

Q. **Permit -** The document issued by the Board to a Service, following the process in Section 2 below, authorizing that Service to operate as a Service Provider within the Member Jurisdictions, valid for one (1) year as provided in Section 2.

R. **Primary Service Provider -** A Service Provider designated to provide primary emergency Ambulance response within a defined service area of the Member Jurisdictions, corresponding to a "Category A" license under Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.14.

S. **Service -** Any sole proprietor, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity.

T. **Service Provider -** Any Service permitted by the Board to provide emergency or non-emergency ambulance transportation of patients within the Member Jurisdictions.

U. **Sullivan County -** Sullivan County, Tennessee, other than the City of Kingsport and the City of Bluff City (each addressed separately below) and other than the City of Bristol, which is outside the Board's jurisdiction. See Article I(3), above.

V. **City of Kingsport -** The City of Kingsport, Tennessee, one of the three Member Jurisdictions that jointly established the Board under Article I.

W. **City of Bluff City -** The City of Bluff City, Tennessee, one of the three Member Jurisdictions that jointly established the Board under Article I.

X. **Member Jurisdictions -** Sullivan County, the City of Kingsport, and the City of Bluff City, collectively. See Article I(3), above.

Classification of Ambulance Services. This Board does not independently classify ambulance services. Classification, licensure category, and staffing level are established exclusively by the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services under Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.14 (currently: Category A — Primary Emergency Provider, and Category B — Licensed Ambulance Transport Services, each at Levels 1 through 4 based on required Advanced Life Support / Basic Life Support staffing percentages). Each Service Provider permitted under Section 2 below shall hold a current State of Tennessee ambulance service license at the category and level appropriate to the service it provides within the Member Jurisdictions and shall provide proof of that license as part of its application under Section 2.

SECTION 2. PERMIT REQUIRED AND PERMITTING PROCESS

A. No Service shall operate, or hold itself out as available to operate, as a Service Provider within the Member Jurisdictions unless and until that Service has received a Permit from the Board.

B. The EMA Director or designee may waive the Permit requirement on an emergency basis upon determining that a public health emergency exists, until abatement of that emergency, as determined by the EMA Director or designee.

C. Application. A Service desiring a Permit shall submit an application on the form provided by the Board (the "Ambulance Provider Application"), together with proof of a current, corresponding State of Tennessee ambulance service license. Applications will be reviewed for accuracy and completeness; applicants will be notified and given ten (10) days from the date of notice to make any needed corrections. The applicant shall notify the Board within ten (10) days of any change to the information supplied in its application.

D. Permit Term. Each Permit shall be valid for one (1) year, from July 1 through June 30. In May of each year, the coordinator shall send a current copy of these Regulations and a renewal application (the "Ambulance Renewal Application") by certified mail, return receipt, to the listed address of each current Service Provider.

1. Current list of personnel, together with current licensure for each.

2. Current list of all ambulances operated, including permitted and non-permitted units, with mileage and date of last inspection.
3. Copy of the Service's current State of Tennessee ambulance service license.
4. A list of any current discrepancies within the Service.
5. A statement of the Service's desire to continue operating within the Member Jurisdictions.
6. Authorized signature.

E. Renewal applications shall be postmarked or delivered to the EMA Director by July 1 of each year so they may be distributed to the Board at its July meeting. Failure to submit a renewal application by July 1 will be treated by the Board as that Service Provider's election not to have a new Permit issued. The Board will consider issuance of new and renewal Permits at its regular meeting following the application deadline.

F. Temporary Permits, not to exceed ninety (90) days, may be issued at the Board's discretion.

G. Applications will be accepted at any time; however, once an application is rejected, the applicant may not reapply more than twice within a trailing twelve-month period.

H. Permits may not be transferred or assigned without Board approval. A change in ownership of a Service Provider voids its Permit unless otherwise approved by the Board. A Service Provider's Permit is void if that Service Provider ceases to provide continuous ambulance service for forty-eight (48) hours, unless otherwise approved by the Board.

I. No fee shall be charged for the issuance, renewal, or temporary issuance of a Permit under this Section.

J. Air-Medical Services, Special Ambulance Services, and privately owned ambulances dedicated solely to commercial sites for private use by the owner(s) and its employees are exempt from this Section.

SECTION 3. OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

A. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

All Service Providers shall always conform to the following:

1. All rules and regulations of the Department and the Division of Emergency Medical Services;
2. All Regulations of the Board;
3. Immediate compliance with any change to the Board's Regulations, except that a Service Provider shall have ninety (90) days to comply with any change requiring additional equipment or personnel;

4. Notice to the Coordinator of any plan to reduce the level or type of service historically provided (not including changes in medical protocol, unless such a change would downgrade the Service Provider's license classification);

5. For Primary Service Providers specifically: no reduction in the level or type of service historically provided, including planned reductions in staffing, ambulances, or equipment; planned closure or reduced hours at an existing station; or a change in the type of calls the Service responds to, without prior Board approval (not including changes in medical protocol, unless such a change would downgrade the Primary Service Provider's license classification).

B. Base of Operations

1. Each Service Provider shall maintain a fixed base of operation, housing necessary equipment and personnel, with twenty-four-hour communication capability with the public (telephone) and its vehicles (radio).

2. Each Service Provider shall maintain a local business office within Sullivan County, open to the public during reasonable business hours, for paying bills, accepting complaints, and conducting business. The office address and phone number shall appear on any advertising, billing information, or brochure distributed or addressed for delivery within the Board's jurisdiction.

3. Vehicles used to provide Emergency Transport, or to transport patients point-to-point, within the Board's jurisdiction shall be stationed within the Member Jurisdictions. Each Service Provider shall maintain a current list of all locations used to station such vehicles and the hours each location is staffed.

C. Vehicles and Equipment

1. Maintenance, repair, and inventory records, including medicine and drugs, shall be available for inspection by the Coordinator or the Board.

2. Each ambulance used for Emergency Transport must be equipped for radio communication with all 911 Dispatch Centers and hospitals within the Board's jurisdiction.

3. Each Service Provider shall have all necessary equipment for use in inclement weather.

4. Each ambulance shall display the Service Provider's name and ambulance identification number on both exterior sides of the vehicle, in a minimum of four (4) inch contrasting, reflective letters, readable from a distance of one hundred (100) feet.

5. No Service Provider shall use or advertise the words "Sullivan County," "Kingsport," or "Bluff City" as part of its trade or business name without Board approval; unless the Service Provider is a governmental department.

6. All Service Providers shall prominently display "EMERGENCY DIAL 911" on all ambulances, in a minimum of four (4) inch contrasting, reflective letters. No other telephone number shall be displayed.

7. No Service Provider shall advertise a seven- or ten-digit telephone number for emergency calls without "EMERGENCY DIAL 911."
8. No Service Provider shall increase its ambulance fleet without Board approval.

D. Emergency Transports and Responses

1. All Service Providers shall, in cases of disaster or emergency drill preparedness, respond to the request of any 911 center within the Board's jurisdiction and report for response coordination by the Tennessee EMS Consultant, EMA Director, or designee.
2. All Service Providers shall establish mutual aid agreements with the Primary Service Providers within the Board's jurisdiction.
3. All Primary Service Providers, and any Service Provider intending to provide Emergency Transport within the Board's jurisdiction, shall hold a State license and staffing consistent with a Category A1 designation under Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-12-01-.14. Any other Service Provider shall hold a State license and staffing consistent with a Category B4 OR higher designation.
4. Only Primary Service Providers shall provide Emergency Response within the Board's jurisdiction, unless another Service Provider is requested by a 911 Dispatch Center. This does not prohibit a non-emergency Service Provider from providing Emergency Transport where a patient's condition deteriorates or worsens such that immediate Emergency Transport is required, or from providing emergency inter-hospital transport if equipped and staffed as an ALS ambulance with a Paramedic and EMT. Also, must meet all Department requirements.
5. Should a Service Provider receive a call requesting Emergency Response for any reason other than inter-hospital transport, the Service Provider shall, if appropriate, immediately advise the caller to call 911. If the caller is unable or unwilling to do so, the Service Provider shall obtain all pertinent information, attempt to keep the caller on the line, and immediately relay that information to the 911 Dispatch Center. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REVOCATION OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER'S PERMIT.**
6. No Service Provider shall cause or permit an ambulance to be dispatched based on information obtained by monitoring a radio frequency assigned to law enforcement, another ambulance service, a rescue squad, a fire department, or another governmental or public agency, except by specific request and prior arrangement with the coordinating dispatch agency.

SECTION 4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. All Service Providers shall meet the Department's radio requirements. Primary Service Providers shall additionally equip all ambulances and Emergency Transport vehicles operating within the Board's jurisdiction with 800 MHz radio talk groups approved for the Member Jurisdictions.

B. A Service Provider responding on emergency traffic within the Board's jurisdiction shall coordinate radio communications through its Dispatch Center and the 911 Dispatch Center responsible for the call.

C. Each Service Provider shall ensure its personnel are familiar with the communication procedures used by the applicable 911 Dispatch Center.

D. In the event of vehicle or equipment failure during an Emergency Transport, the appropriate 911 Dispatch Center shall be notified immediately to dispatch a back-up Service Provider.

E. Phone lines receiving requests for ambulance response, and radio traffic dispatching those requests, shall be recorded and retained for at least one (1) year.

SECTION 5. PERSONNEL

A. All personnel shall be physically capable of performing assigned tasks, shall be clean in dress and person, and shall visibly display their name, certification, and Service Provider name to the patient.

B. Each Service Provider shall have a Medical Director licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee.

C. Each Primary Service Provider shall have a Medical Director licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee and currently practicing emergency medicine within the Member Jurisdictions.

SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE

A. In addition to the regulations set forth herein, all Service Providers shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. To the extent these Regulations are intended to conform to state and federal law, they shall automatically, without further action, be amended to reflect any change to that state or federal law.

B. No Service Provider shall operate within the Board's jurisdiction without a valid Tennessee EMS license. If a Service Provider's license status changes during the year (e.g., level change, probation, conditional status), the Service Provider shall immediately notify the Coordinator or the Board's Chairman. **FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN IMMEDIATE PERMIT REVOCATION.**

C. No Permit will be issued to a new Service with litigation pending against Sullivan County, the City of Kingsport, or the City of Bluff City concerning ambulance service permits.

SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

A. Open Records

All vehicles, equipment, and response reports (excluding matters protected under HIPAA) shall be available at all times for inspection by the Board's designee.

B. Enforcement

1. Complaints alleging violation of these Regulations shall be made, in writing, to the Sullivan County Mayor, the Kingsport City Manager, the Bluff City Mayor, the Coordinator, or the Board, and shall include:
    a. Date and approximate time of the alleged violation;
    b. Name of the Service Provider alleged to have violated these Regulations;
    c. Names of any witnesses; and
    d. Facts giving rise to the alleged violation.
2. The complaint shall be forwarded to the Board, which shall decide whether it warrants investigation. If so, the Board will request an outside agent or agency to investigate and report back.
3. Upon receiving the investigation results, the Board will decide whether the facts warrant a hearing. If not, the complainant may still forward the complaint to the Department. If the Board declines to pursue the matter, the complainant may appeal that decision to the Sullivan County Commission. If the Board decides to pursue the matter, the hearing process begins.

C. Hearings

1. Upon determining that an alleged violation warrants a hearing, the Board shall conduct a hearing on twenty (20) days' notice to the Service Provider, stating the time, place, and nature of the hearing; the right to be represented by counsel; and the alleged violations.
2. The Service Provider shall have the right to legal counsel at all hearings before the Board and at any appeal.
3. If the Service Provider fails to attend or participate, the Board may take action as though the Service Provider had appeared and fully participated and may issue a decision by default.
4. The Chairman, or in the Chairman's absence the Vice-Chairman, shall preside over hearings under this Section.
5. Appeal Pathway. A Service Provider aggrieved by a decision of the Board may first seek reconsideration by the Board. If the Service Provider remains aggrieved after the Board's decision, it may appeal that decision to the Sullivan County Commission, whose decision on appeal shall be final.

D. Penalties

The Board may take disciplinary action as appropriate against a Service Provider for violating or failing to comply with any provision of these Regulations, up to and including revocation of the Service Provider's Permit. Legal action may be taken if appropriate to enforce a Board decision.

E. Appeals

Any Board decision may be appealed to the Sullivan County Commission as provided in Section 7.C.5, above. The Sullivan County Commission may take disciplinary action as appropriate, up to and including revocation of the Service Provider's Permit, and legal action may be taken if appropriate to enforce that decision.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this document is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and that holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE AND ADOPTION

This document shall take effect only upon adoption by the Board and ratification by the Sullivan County Commission (or its Administrative Committee, as applicable), the Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and the Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Until that occurs, the currently adopted By-Laws (rev. 1/24/08) and Regulations of Pre-Hospital Care (approved 2/7/05) remain in effect.

[Signature lines to be added upon adoption.]

Item 6
Resolution No. 2026-10-18

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE 2026-2027 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has allocated a State Special Education Preschool Grant for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to assist local educational agencies in the provision of special education and related services to this population; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education is eligible to receive funds under this grant program; 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 $108,193.01. The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46515-721	Early Childhood Education	108,193.01
71200-100-721	Salaries	80,000.00
71200-200-721	Employee Benefits	10,313.01
71200-400-721	Supplies & Materials	17,880.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 6
Resolution No. 2026-10-18

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 _____, 2026, 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 _____ 2026, 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

Item 7
Resolution No. 2026-10-19

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED FOR PROJECT ON TRACK EXPENSES.

WHEREAS**,** the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the Niswonger Foundation for Project On Track Expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education is estimated to receive a total of up to $181,240.00 in reimbursement for tutoring and instructional supply expenses.

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 reimbursements in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($181,240.00). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Descriptions	Amount
48130-70	Contributions	$ 181,240.00
71100-189-70	Other Salaries & Wages	$ 166,240.00
71100-201-70	Social Security	$ 10,350.00
71100-204-70	State Retirement	$ 1,000.00
71100-212-70	Employer Medicare	$ 2,450.00
72210-429-70	Instructional Supplies & Materials	$ 1,200.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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Item 7
Resolution No. 2026-10-19

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 _____, 2026, 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 _____ 2026, at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

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Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Josh Hayes

ACTIONS:

Item 8
Resolution No. 2026-10-20

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AS THE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PARTS OF THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE REGULATING AND GOVERNING ENERGY EFFICIENT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ENVELOPES FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE, IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES, COLLECTION OF FEES, AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, TCA 68-120-101(b)(2)(A)(iii) prohibits the state or local jurisdiction from adopting energy standards more stringent than state minimum standards; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to TCA 5- I -121, Sullivan County previously established monetary penalties of not to exceed $500 for each violation of its zoning and property maintenance ordinances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, that the Residential Provisions of the International Energy Conservation Code, 2018 edition, as published by the International Code Council, as hereinafter revised, be and is hereby adopted as the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, Tennessee, [hereinafter "Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County"] to be applicable in the unincorporated areas of Sullivan County, regulating and governing the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, or repair of detached one and two family dwellings and multiple single family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with separate means of egress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all previous actions of this County Commission providing for the implementation and enforcement of building codes and zoning, and all things necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, issuance of permits, imposition of fines and penalties, and collection of fees, are hereby adopted and/or confirmed; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, with the revisions prescribed in this Resolution, is made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following sections of International Energy Conservation Code, 2018 edition, as described above. are hereby revised:

(l) Section R101.1 insert: "Sullivan County" in place of [NAME OF JURISDICTION].

(2) Table 402.1.2 Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component, replace with Table 402.1.1 from 2009 International Energy Conservation Code; delete the column SLAB R-VALUE and DEPTH in its entirety.

(3) Table 402.1.4 Equivalent U-Factors, replace with Table 402.1.3 from 2009 International Energy Conservation Code

(4) Section 404 Electrical Power and Lighting Systems, deleted in its entirety.

(5) Table 405.5.2(1) Specifications for the Standard Reference and Proposed Design, replace with Table 405.5.2(1) from the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code.

(6) Section 402.4 Air Leakage, the requirements of this section shall be optional.

(7) Section R403.5.3 Hot Water Pipe Insulation, delete item 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent the 2018 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code contains standards more stringent than the state minimum standards adopted by the state fire marshal for one-family and two-family construction and additions thereto of 30 or more square feet of interior space, the state minimum standard shall apply in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann § 68-120-101(b)(2)(A)(iii) (2023) and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Chapter 0780-02-23 (2023) or as may be amended from time to time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith shall replace Resolution NO. 2018-02-06 and Resolution NO. 2019-02-09 (amendment) of Sullivan County; and as of December 1st, 2026 the Energy Efficiency Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith shall thereafter control; and

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BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution and the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith. The Sullivan County Commission hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution, and each section, subsection, clause of Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing in this Resolution or in the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County herewith adopted shall be construed to limit or impair any suit or proceeding pending in any court as of December 1st, 2026, or any right, remedy or cause of action legally acquired or legally existing or liability legally incurred as of December 1st, 2026, under rules, regulations or Resolution hereby replaced by this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each and all the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, and the revisions, changes and amendments thereto, shall be on file in the office of the Building Commissioner/Building Official/Code Official: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Energy Conservation Code of Sullivan County, the revisions and changes defined herewith, and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, and all matters established and adopted as a part thereof shall take effect and be in full force and effect on December 1st ,2026 and from that day forward.

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

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Item 8
Resolution No. 2026-10-20

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 _____, 2026, 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 _____ 2026, at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

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Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Michael Cole

ACTIONS:

Item 9
Resolution No. 2026-10-21

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AS THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PARTS OF THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, REPLACEMENT, REPAIR, LOCATION AND DEMOLITION OF DETACHED ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS AND MULTIPLE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS (TOWNHOUSES) NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT, WITH SEPARATE MEANS OF EGRESS, FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT OF THIS RESIDENTIAL CODE, IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES, COLLECTION OF FEES, AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, TCA 68-120-101(b)(4)(A) requires the state or local jurisdiction to adopt and enforce building construction safety standards for one-family and two- family construction as published by the International Code Council and to keep within seven (7) years of the date of the latest edition publication; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to TCA 5- I -121, Sullivan County previously established monetary penalties of not to exceed $500 for each violation of its zoning and property maintenance ordinances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, that International Residential Code, 2024 edition, including appendix AA, BB, BC, BD, and BO as published by the International Code Council, as hereinafter revised, be and is hereby adopted as the Residential Code of Sullivan County, Tennessee, [hereinafter "Residential Code of Sullivan County"] to be applicable in the unincorporated areas of Sullivan County, regulating and governing the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, location, removal and demolition of detached one and two family dwellings and multiple single family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with separate means of egress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all previous actions of this County Commission providing for the implementation and enforcement of building codes and zoning, and all things necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this Residential Code of Sullivan County, issuance of permits, imposition of fines and penalties, and collection of fees, are hereby adopted and/or confirmed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Residential Code of Sullivan County, with the revisions prescribed in this Resolution, is made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following sections of International Residential code, 2024 edition, as described above. are hereby revised:

(l) Section R101.1 and R103.1 insert: "Sullivan County" in place of [NAME OF JURISDICTION].

(2) Section R104.2.3.1 Flood Hazard Areas is amended by adding a new section to read "R104.2.3.2 All references to flood prone areas contained within this code shall comply with Sullivan County's duly adopted Flood Insurance Program requirements as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) or the Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps (FBFM) provided by the National Flood Insurance Program. Any conflicts between the requirements contained herein and those contained in the Flood Insurance Program, the duly adopted Flood Insurance Program shall apply.

(3) Section R105.2 Work exempt from permit is amended as follows

(a.) Item 1. by deleting the text "200 square feet" and inserting the text "120 square feet"

(b.) Item 2. by deleting the text "7 feet" and inserting the text "8 feet."

(c.) Add new item "11. Reroofing where no structural or framing components are damaged, replaced, or repaired.

(4) Section R106 Construction Documents, delete in its entirety and replace with "Construction plans are not required if the construction methods used are approved methods used within this code."

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(5) Section R202 Definitions, pursuant to TCA § 68-120-101(a)(8)(C)(i)(a) the definition of *TOWNHOUSE* is deleted in its entirety and in lieu thereof substituting the phrase "A single-family dwelling unit constructed in a group of three or more attached units in which each unit is separated by a 2 hour fire wall extending from foundation to roof and with a yard or public way on not less than two sides being exempt from sprinkler requirements of Section R309 and Section P2904 of the International Residential Code, 2024 edition, however, if a sprinkler system is installed it shall meet the requirements of these sections."

(6) Table 301.2 Climatic & Geographic Design Criteria – Insert the following information: Ground snow load -15, Speed – 90mph exposure B, Topographic effects – NO, Special Wind Region – NO, Windborne debris zone – NO, Seismic design Category B, Weathering – Severe, Frost line Depth – 12", Termite – Moderate to Heavy, Ice Barrier Required – NO, Flood Hazards – as indicated by most current FIRM map, delete footnote g in its entirety and insert "g. Flood Hazard areas shall be determined by the Sullivan County, TN.", Air Freezing Index – 416, Mean Annual Temp – 55.9

(7) Section R302.3 Fire Resistance Rating, pursuant to TCA 68-120-101(a)(8)(A), the sprinkler requirements in section R309 and section P2904 shall not be mandatory for one- and two-family dwellings, provided however, if a sprinkler system is installed it shall meet the requirements of section R313.2 and section P2904. Therefore, delete entire section and insert "two family dwellings (duplexes) shall have the same fire resistance separation rating as required for Townhouses in section R302.2."

(8) Section R302.13 Fire Protection of Floors, delete text in Exception 2. "or electric-powered."

(9) Table R507.4 Deck Post Height, replace with Table 507.4 from 2018 IRC. Delete note c.

(10) CHAPER 11 [RE] ENERGY EFFICIENCY, delete in its entirety and replace with "Energy Efficiency requirements shall comply with the Energy Efficiency Code of Sullivan County.

(11) Section P2603.5.1 Sewer Depth, replace [NUMBER] with 18 in both places.

(12) Part VII Electrical, delete chapters 34-43 in their entirety and replace with "Electrical installations require Tennessee State permits. Installations shall be in accordance state requirements and must have passed state final electric inspection prior to final inspection by the Sullivan County Building Department."

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and the Residential Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith shall replace Resolution NO. 2019-11-102 of Sullivan County and the 2018 edition of the International Residential Code; and as of December 1, 2026 the Residential Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith shall thereafter control; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of the Residential Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution and the Residential Code of Sullivan County adopted herewith. The Sullivan County Commission hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution, and each section, subsection, clause of the Residential Code of Sullivan County, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing in this Resolution or in the Residential Code of Sullivan County herewith adopted shall be construed to limit or impair any suit or proceeding pending in any court as of September 1, 2026, or any right, remedy or cause of action legally acquired or legally existing or liability legally incurred as of September 1, 2026, under rules, regulations or Resolution hereby replaced by this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each and all the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Residential Code of Sullivan County, and the revisions, changes and amendments thereto, shall be on file in the office of the Building Commissioner/Building Official/Code Official: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Residential Code of Sullivan County, the revisions and changes defined herewith, and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, and all matters established and adopted as a part thereof shall take effect and be in full force and effect on January 1 , 2027 and from that day forward.

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.

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Item 9
Resolution No. 2026-10-21

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 _____, 2026, 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 _____ 2026, at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

_____
Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Joyce Crosswhite
Co-Sponsor(s): Michael Cole

ACTIONS:

Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-10-22

To the Honorable Zane Vanover, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of October 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SULLIVAN COUNTY TO APPLY FOR UP TO $950,000 THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FY 2026 VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A VETERAN'S TREATMENT COURT.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has made federal funding available through the **BJA FY 2026 Veterans Treatment Court Program**, Grants.gov Funding Opportunity No. **O-BJA-2026-172714**, to support the implementation and enhancement of Veterans Treatment Court operations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Veterans Treatment Court Program is to reduce the use of opioids, stimulants, alcohol, and other substances by high-risk/high-need veterans in the criminal justice system through judicially supervised treatment court programs that integrate substance use disorder and mental health treatment, mandatory drug testing, incentives and sanctions, and transitional services; and

WHEREAS, Category 1 – Planning and Implementation provides funding for a six-month planning phase followed by the launch of a new Veterans Treatment Court, with anticipated awards of up to $950,000 for a 48-month award period beginning January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is an eligible applicant under Category 1 of this funding opportunity as a county government; and

WHEREAS, the BJA FY 2026 Veterans Treatment Court Program requires no cost sharing or local matching funds, and therefore Sullivan County would not be required to provide a local match as a condition of application; and

WHEREAS, applicants under Category 1 are required to demonstrate partnerships with key organizations necessary to operate a Veterans Treatment Court and to document those partnerships through memoranda of understanding or letters of intent; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed Veterans Treatment Court would seek to connect eligible veterans involved in the criminal justice system with treatment, recovery support services, mandatory drug testing, and judicial supervision with the goals of reducing recidivism, preventing overdose fatalities, and increasing successful completion of Veterans Treatment Court programming; and

WHEREAS, the application process requires Sullivan County to submit the SF-424 through Grants.gov no later than October 29, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, followed by the complete application through JustGrants no later than November 5, 2026, at 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, that Sullivan County is hereby authorized to apply to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for an amount not to exceed $950,000 through Category 1 – Planning and Implementation of the BJA FY 2026 Veterans Treatment Court Program for the planning, implementation, and operation of a Veterans Treatment Court serving eligible veterans in the Sullivan County criminal justice system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this funding opportunity requires no local matching **funds**, and authorization to submit the application shall not constitute an appropriation of County funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Mayor and other appropriate Sullivan County officials are authorized to execute the application, certifications, assurances, memoranda of understanding, letters of intent, and other documents necessary to submit the grant application, subject to applicable Sullivan County policies and procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that approval of this resolution authorizes application only and does not authorize Sullivan County to accept, appropriate, obligate, or expend any grant funds that may subsequently be awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should Sullivan County receive an award under this funding opportunity, acceptance and appropriation of the award shall be presented to the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners for separate consideration and approval, together with the final award amount, approved budget, applicable revenue and expenditure account codes, grant conditions, and any continuing financial or operational obligations of Sullivan County.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. 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 _____, 2026, 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 _____ 2026, at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

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Zane Vanover Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Travis Ward
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Sam Jones, Mark Vance

ACTIONS: